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OF THE

LIFE AND WRITINGS

OF THE LATE

REV. THOMAS BAKER, B.D.

OF ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE IN CAMBRIDGE,

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TO THE

HONOURABLE AND RIGHT REVEREND

JAMES

LORD BISHOP OF ELY,

NOT SO MUCH DISTINGUISHED

BY THE

HONOURS CONFERRED UPON HIMSELF

AND HIS ILLUSTRIOUS FAMILY,

AS BY HIS

SINGULAR ATTACHMENT TO THE

BUSINESS OF HIS DIOCESE,

AND UNUSUAL RESIDENCE THEREIN;

WHICH, WITH HIS

AFFABLE AND CONDESCENDING BEHAVIOUR TO ALL,

HAVE JUSTLY ENDEARED HIM

TO THE PUBLICK,

TO HIS CLERGY,

AND IN PARTICULAR TO HIM,

WHO WITH ALL HUMILITY BEGS LEAVE

TO INSCRIBE THE FOLLOWING MEMOIRS,

AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIMSELF

HIS LORDSHIP'S

MOST OBEDIENT AND OBLIGED SERVANT,

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PREFACE.

THE Collector of the following Papers Dr. Zachary Grey[a], (well known to the learned World by his numerous Writings) and who was intimately acquainted with the Subject of them, was apt to wonder that none of his Friends of St. John's College, who had both Leiſure and Abilities, (when probably upon a timely Application to his Executor, many proper Materials for that Purpoſe might have been obtained) ſhould never have attempted the Life and Character of that worthy Man; who lived much beloved, and died as much lamented, by all who had the Pleaſure of his Acquaintance.

An Attempt that he owned required a much better Pen than he was Maſter of, but as it had hitherto been neglected by others, he would endeavour to ſupply by faithfulneſs in the Narration, what might in other reſpects be found defective; avoiding at the ſame time every Degree of Adulation and Flattery.

And for this Purpoſe he ſpared no Pains in collecting Materials, applying to all ſuch as he thought able to furniſh him with any. With this View he employed Friends to ſpeak to Dr. Bedford of Durham, who was ſo

[a] He died at Ampthill, on 25 Nov. 1766, in the 79th Year of his Age, and was buried at his Pariſh of Houghton Conqueſt.

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ſo obliging as to give him all the Aſſiſtance he was able; as appears from a Letter of 27th July, 1755, (which will hereafter be quoted more at large, as giving a particular Account of his Death.) His Advice here however, in Relation to the Doctor's Undertaking, is to the following Purport. "I ſhould apprehend (but I offer it with ſubmiſſion) that as Mr. Baker was never in any publick Station of Life, it would be difficult to get Materials ſufficient to furniſh out a Volume. Frequent Inſtances of his great Skill and critical Knowledge, in all Parts of Literature, made a very large Part; and theſe now I doubt may be very much diſperſed. However, I think, there might be pickt up, ſome Things in this Manner. His Cuſtom was in every Book he had read, to make Obſervations, ſet down an Account of the Author, &c. Now a great number of his Books are in our College Library. Thoſe which Mr. Burton had, were ſold here: I myſelf have his Copy of the Hereditary Right, which he has greatly enriched. Now would it be impoſſible think you, to pick ſome very materiall Things from all theſe, that might be publiſhed under this Title, or any other you like better? viz. Remarks and Obſervations on different Authors, and on various Points of Learning, by the late Rev. Mr. Baker, together with ſome Account of his Life, &c. as Dr. Grey was likewiſe of Opinion that if a Collection of this Kind, was judiciouſly extracted, it would be of great Uſe to the Publick, and as a Specimen, has favoured us with one out of the Books in his own Cuſtody, of much leſs Importance, however, than thoſe upon the Books given to the Univerſity Library. And in farther Purſuit of this Deſign, he applied ſoon after to that learned Antiquary, and very worthy Member of the honourable Houſe of Commons, James Weſt, Eſq. who favoured him with the following Anſwer.

Rev.

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Rev. Sir,

On my return to Town, I was favoured with your Letter, and shall be glad to be of any Service to you in any learned Work you are engaged in.

The Life of my very worthy Friend Mr. Baker, who was so perfectly friendly and communicative, that it may afford Matter to interweave in it, the Literary History of our Country, during that Period. His constant Correspondence with ABp. Wake, the Bishops Gibson, Kennet, Burnet, Mr. Hearne and others, are full of learned Notices. The Collections left to Lord Oxford, now the Property of the British Museum, will be very necessary to be perused, but at present they are removing under Seals from Ld. Oxford's late House in Dover Street, to Montague House, and are to remain in that Condition, till the House is repaired, and Keepers of the Books and Curiosities appointed.

I shall be glad to be the first, to acquaint you when they will be opened, and then I take it for granted you will have right to consult them.

I am, Rev. Sir,

Lincoln's Inn Fields, May 27, 1755. Your most obedient humble Servant,

J. West.

In a Letter from Dr. Willis, (dated from Whaddon Hall, May 19, 1759,) who had been applied to on the same Subject, he informs him that he had "indeed a great many of Mr. Baker's Letters, but that they were interspersed and bound up for the most Part in a great many Collections. And as he generally omitted the Dates, they laid in no order, so that he could not turn to them in any Method; as they are, however, if you will please to come and peruse them here, I will gladly send my Chariot for you, &c." —— As he died however, soon after, these with the rest of his MSS. were I imagine sent to the University of Oxford, to which he bequeathed them.

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He acknowledges his Obligations likewiſe to Dr. Phillip Williams, for ſome Copies of Mr. Baker's Letters from the Originals in the Hands of Mr. Burton, his Nephew. To the Rev. Wm. Cole, then Rector of Blechley, in Buckinghamſhire, for ſome Tranſcripts from the Works of Mr. Thomas Hearne and others, in Acknowledgement of Mr. Baker's Aſſiſtance. And to the Editor for ſome original Letters to Dr. Watſon, Biſhop of St. David's. And laſtly, to the Rev. Mr. Skinner, lately Fellow of St. John's College, and Publick Orator, for other original Letters of Mr. Baker, to the late honeſt and induſtrious Hiſtorian, Mr. John Strype.

The Materials thus collected, blended with others in Relation to many other eminent Nonjurors, were obligingly put into the Hands of the Editor, by Dr. Grey's Widow, ſome Years ſince, with Power to diſpoſe of them as he thought proper; indeed they would earlier have been reduced into ſome form, and communicated to the Publick, had not an Obſtacle to his firſt Deſign, which it is not now perhaps neceſſary to relate, occaſioned this Delay. Such as they are however (with the Additions he has ſince been able to make) the beſt perhaps that can now be procured, of a Perſon, who led ſo retired a Life; they are ſubmitted to the Reader, whoſe Benevolence is intreated to make Allowance for involuntary Errors (and he may be aſſured there are no others) as well as to point out any ſuch in a friendly Manner, for their future Correction.

The Reader may perhaps be at a loſs to account for the Particulars given of Mr. Baker, by Mr. Nichols, in his Anecdotes of Mr. Bowyer, correſponding ſo exactly with the following in Phraſe, Order, &c. as far as they extend; he muſt then be apprized, that ſome Time ſince, ſoon after they were reduced into the preſent Order, the Editor put them into the Hands of Richard Gough, Eſq. to conſult with him in a friendly

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Way about the Mode of Publication, who retaining them for ſome Time, made ſuch Extracts from them as he thought proper; this he acknowledged in a Letter, upon their Return, and from theſe, both taken and communicated without leave, it is ſcarce to be doubted, the Article Baker, in the new Edition of the Biographia Britannica, was chiefly compiled, as well as that in the Anecdotes of Bowyer.

Mr. Nichols might indeed as he aſſerts, buy Papers of Dr. Grey's of a Bookſeller at Northampton, and perhaps ſome original Letters concerning Mr. B—— but nothing reduced into any kind of Form, and that too in the very identical Phraſe, as both the foul and fair Copy are ſtill in Hand, and vary in many reſpects from that he printed. But to ſet this Matter in a ſtill clearer Light, Mr. N—— himſelf in a late Conference, candidly acknowledged he had many Particulars in this and other Articles, from Mr. Gough, ſo that he alone ſeems to be accountable, for the breach of Confidence repoſed in him by Mr. M——

Mr. M—— however, ſince the Publication of Mr. G——s 2d Edition of his Britiſh Topography (ſtuffed with a vaſt Farrago of Things, many of them not only trifling, of little Importance, and bearing no Relation to the Subject, but what is worſe, of a very ſcurrilous and offenſive Nature) cannot help being ſurprized at the Treatment he has met with from one, who in that Work, has ſo ſeverely cenſured others for purloining, viz. Bp. Moore, Sir Tho. Bodley, Mr. Umfreville, Drs. Rawlinſon, Willis, &c. which Reflections, if founded upon Facts, as that on Sir Tho. Bodley, ſeems far from being[b], are at leaſt very uncharitable, if not malevolent, and ſuch as it could anſwer no good Purpoſe to record, of ſuch

[b] See Sir Hen. Saville's Letter at length, with a Confutation of this Scandal, in Gent. Mag. 1772, p. 371, yet Mr. G—— has notwithſtanding, ſuffered it to be continued in the new Edition.

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ſuch reſpectable Perſons. Whilſt however he has been thus ſevere upon theſe, and many others of unblemiſhed Characters, he has forgot to paſs any Cenſure upon his learned Friend (although intimately known to him) who carried off the Royal Finger, and has been ſilent in reſpect to many of his greateſt Heroes, well known to have been guilty of the like Practices; but ſuch is the Power of Prejudice and Paſſion in warping Mens Judgments.

Before I quit this Head of Purloining, it will be likewiſe proper to take Notice of the Perſon hinted at in the Biographia Britannica, as having another Life of Mr. Baker[c]; now this was the late Mr. Cole of Milton, who in Imitation of his Friend G——h, having had the Peruſal of Dr. Grey's Collection, on this Subject, tranſcribed great Part of them into his MSS. where they will be found with many of Browne Willis (after they were bequeathed to the Univerſity of Oxford) and of ſeveral others, obtained in the ſame clandeſtine Way, if according to his whimſical Will, they ſhould ever be laid before the Publick. But this, if we may judge from his Notes upon Publications, preſented to him by his beſt Friends, they are utterly unfit for, ſince Characters formed from ſuch ſtrong Paſſions and Prejudices, as he was perpetually actuated by, can never be drawn with any Degree of exactneſs. And the Misfortune is, that theſe, with all the little Tales of Scandal, of the Univerſity, Town and County, for half a Century paſt, are ſo blended with his other Collections (however valuable in themſelves,) they can ſcarce be ſeparated: ſo that probably from this Circumſtance alone, the Labours of his whole Life, will be ſuffered to ſink into Oblivion, and nothing left to ſupport his Memory, but that fooliſh Monument of his Vanity, ordered by Will to be

[c] This I am told was to have been printed at Strawberry Hill, had not ſome difference aroſe concerning the Character of Bp. Burnet, and was afterwards deſigned for Mr. Nichols's Preſs.

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be erected over his Remains. And the Attempt to keep these Characters from the Publick, till the Subjects of them shall be no more[d], seems to be peculiarly cruel and ungenerous, since it is precluding them from vindicating themselves from such injurious Aspersions, as their Friends perhaps (however willing) may at that distance of Time, be incapable of removing. The above Censure, may perhaps be thought somewhat severe, but the Editor, well acquainted with the fickleness of his Disposition, for more than forty Years past, avers it to be well grounded, and thinks it incumbent upon him thus to publish it to the World, to prevent any Mischiefs that may arise hereafter from his unwarrantable Prejudices.

Perhaps his Zeal for the Memory of Mr. Baker, might tempt him to make these Depredations upon Dr. Grey, but he has shewn a much more reputable and laudable Attention to it, by the following Clause in his Will[e].

"I give, as a Mark of my Veneration to so amiable a Character, ten Pounds to buy a black Marble Slab, to cover the Grave of the late Mr. Tho. Baker, B.D. in St. John's College Ante-chapel, close to the Monument of Mr. Hugh Ashton, where I saw him interred, if the Society will allow of it; and his Arms [Argent on a Saltire engrailed, five Escallops Argent, on a chief Sable a Lion passant Argent] engraved at the Top, and the Inscription to be composed by the worthy Master, or any other he shall appoint, and no Mention made of me in it.

By this the Neglect hinted at in p. 93, is properly provided for, and there is no doubt such a Stone, with a proper Inscription, will soon be laid over his Remains.

In Addition to p. 119. — One Thing more particularly

[d] For the Space of twenty Years.

[e] Dat. 12 Dec. 1782.

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larly was desired, that nothing might be printed, that might give Offence to the Church or Religion, for indeed they are wrote with too much Freedom. One Particular concerning Bp. Gardiner, I desired might be suppressed, as rather too ludicrous for History, and too plainly pointing out the Person who sent it, which yet stands as I sent it.

Mr. Baker had made great Additions to Mr. Willis's History of Abbies[f], which at his Death he bequeathed to him in the following Words. "These two Volumes of Abbeys I leave to my learned Friend Browne Willis, Esq."

Tho. Baker."

A strong Instance of Mr. B—'s unbiassed Integrity, is to be met with in the following Answer to his great Friend Mr. Williams, Rector of Doddington in the Isle of Ely, who had applied to him for one of the Exhibitions mentioned in p. 102, for his Son.

Worthy Sir,

I can assure you I am not alone in the Disposal of these Exhibitions, nor is it any Qualification by the Settlement, to be the Son of a Clergyman. In the Disposal of them, I have commonly had regard to those that want them most, and I thank God, that is not your Son's Case. But I will do him that Right to say, he wants no other Qualifications[g].

I am sorry to hear, your Lady is indisposed, to whom I wish as much Health, as her Vertues deserve, &c.

Yours,

Camb. Jun. 6th. Tho. Baker.

The

[f] The Editor has the 2d Vol. and should be glad to know where the 1st is to be met with.

[g] Dr. Williams mentioned in p. 113.

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The following MS. Copies of Verſes, probably wrote by Mr. B— were taken from his own Book, of the Funeral Sermon of Lady Margaret, noted with his own Hand in various Places, and now in the Poſſeſſion of Dr. Beadon, the preſent worthy Maſter of Jeſus College, who has been ſo obliging as to favour me with the Peruſal of it.

To my FOUNDER upon his PICTURE[h].

Accept this Off'ring, from the unenvy'd Store,
Of him that wants the Pow'r, but wiſhes more.
Had I improv'd the Hours that thou doſt give,
Vain were faint Colours, thou in Verſe ſhould'ſt live.
Had thy large Bounty been deſerv'dly mine,
Thy Name ſhould flouriſh bright in ev'ry Line.
Oh! how thy Seed lies waſte in barren Soil,
That wants true Vigor, tho' it wants not Oyle.
Ah! how unequal are my beſt Returns,
And yet my Heart with zeal and flaming burns.
For if my Heart is known, a gratefull Minde
I bear, with ſtrong Deſires and unconfin'd.
To *the* I dare appeal, if thou doſt know,
Or now concern thyſelf with Things below.
Oft had I ſent my fervent Vows to Heav'n,
Were this the Time, or ought were now forgiv'n.
Oft had I pray'd for *the*, as thou deſires,
Could I believe *the* hurt by purging Fires.
Thy paſt Deſires they were, nor are they ſo,
'Twas thy miſtaken wiſh, whilſt here below.
Thy Joys compleated, uſeleſs Pray'rs may ceaſe,
And end in Praiſe to him that gives *the* Peace.
And yet thy Bounty may I either ſing,
Or may the Fountain ſtop, whence it ſhould ſpring.

UPON

[h] Mr. B— had a good Picture of Dr. Hugh Aſheton, his Founder, which is probably now in the College,

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UPON THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER's PICTURE, WHEN SENT TO THE COLLEGE BY LD. WEYMOUTH.

Welcome from Exile, happy Soule, to me,
And to theſe Walls, that owe their Riſe to *the*.
Too long thou'rt baniſht hence, with Shame diſgrac't,
Thy Arms thrown down, thy Monument defac't.
Thy Bounties great like *the*, involv'd in Night,
Till ſome bold Hand ſhall bravely give them Light.
Too long oppreſſ't by Force and Power unjuſt,
Thy Blood a Sacrifice to ſerve a Luſt.
In vain proud Herod bids thee be forgot,
Thy Name ſhall brightly ſhine, whilſt his ſhall rot.

UPON TWO DESERVING MASTERS, DRS. SHORTON[1] AND METCALF[k].

And may thoſe Worthies that did ſhare his Fate,
Partake his Honors long, as they are late.
Hard was his Fate, unequal was his Lot,
That built our Walls, and finiſht was forgot.
But more unequal his, and leſs deſerv'd,
That baniſht was the Walls that he preſerv'd.
That free from Guilt did ſhare his Patron's Crimes,
And neither were their own, but were the Times.
O Father! O our Glory! Ah our Shame!
That giv'ſt us Plenty, whilſt we wound thy Name,
And pay our Thanks in undeſerved blame.
O may due Monuments be rais'd to *the*,
Juſt to thy worth, not ſuch as come from me.
May thy ſucceeding Sons bear gratefull Senſe,
And expiate for thoſe, that drove *the* hence.
Ne'er may the Curſe of that ungratefull Race,
Fall on thoſe guiltleſs Heads, that hold their Place.

The

[1] The firſt Maſter and Builder of the College.
[k] The third Maſter, deprived in 1537.

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The following Letter from Lady Margaret, from an Original in her own Hand, printed in L. Howard's Collection of Letters in 1753, Vol. I. p. 155, is a proper Supplement to thoſe of her Son Hen. VII, at the end of Bp. Fiſher's Sermon.

My dereſt and only deſyred Joy yn thys World,

With my moſte herty Bleſſyngs, and humble Commendations. — y pray oure Lord to reward and thancke your Grace, for thatt yt pleaſed your Hyghnes ſoo kyndly and lovyngly to be content to wryte your Letters of Thancks to the Frenſhe Kyng, for my great mater, that ſoo longe hath been yn Suete, as Maſtyr Welby hath ſhewed me your bounteous Goodneſs is pleſed[1]. I wiſh my der Hert, and my Fortune be to recover yt, y truſt ye ſhall well perſeyve y ſhall delle towards you as a kynd lovyng Modyr; and if y ſhuld nevyr have yt, yet your kynd delyng ys to me a thouſand tymes more than all that Good y can recover, and all the Frenſhe Kyng's mygt be mine wyth all. My der Hert, and yt may pleſe your Hyghnes to lycenſe Maſtyr Whytſtongs for thys time to preſent your honorabyll Lettyrs, and begyn the Proceſs of my Cauſe; for that he ſo well knoweth the Mater, and alſo brought me the Wrytyngs from the ſeyd Frenſhe Kyng, with hys odyr Lettyrs to hys Parlyement at Paryſe; yt ſhold be gretlye to my helpe, as y thynke, but all wyll y remyte to your pleſyr; and yf y be too bold in this, or eny my Deſires, y humbly beſeche your Grace of pardon, and that your Highnes take no diſpleſyr.

My good Kynge, y have now ſent a Servant of myn ynto Kendall, to reſſeyve ſyche Anueietys as be yet hangynge opon the Accounte of Sir Wyllam Wall, my Lord's Chapeleyn, whom y have clerly dyſcharged; and

[1] Concerning the Payment of a certain Sum of Money ſhe lent to the Duke of Orleans, when Priſoner in England. See Act. Reg. V. III, p. 129.

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and if yt will pleſe your Majeſty's oune Herte, at your leyſer to ſende me a Lettyr, and command me, that y ſuffyr none of my Tenants be retayned with no man, but that they be kepte for my Lord of Yorke, your faire ſwete Son, for whom they be moſt mete; it ſhall be a a good excuſe for me to my Lord and Hoſbond; and then y may well and wythoute dyſpleſyr cauſe them all to be ſworne, the wyche ſhall not aftyr be long undon. And wher your Grace ſhewed your pleſyr for[m] — the Baſtard of Kyng Edward, Syr, there is neither that, or any other thyng I may do to your Commandment, but y ſhall be glad to fullfill my lyttyll power, with God's Grace. And my ſwete Kyng, Feldyng this berer hath prayed me to beſeche you to be his good Lord yn a matter he ſeweth for to the Biſhop of Ely, now as we here elect[n], for a lyttyll Offiyſe nyghe to Lond. Verily my Kynge, he ys a geud and wyſe well rewled Gentylman, and full truely hathe ſerved you well accompanyed, as well at your fyrſt, as all odyr occaſions; and that cawſeth us to be more bold and gladder alſo to ſpeke for hyme; how be yt my Lord Marquis hath ben very low to hym yn Tymes paſt, by cauſe he wuld not be reteyned with him; and trewly my good Kynge, he helpythe me ryght well yn ſeche Matters as y have beſynes wythyn thys partyes. And my der hert, y now beſeche you pardon of my long & tedyous Wryting, and pray almighty God gyve you as long, good and proſperous Lyfe as ever had Prynce, and as herty Bleſſyngs as y can axe of God.

At Calais Town, thys day of Saint Anne, that y did bryng yn to thys World my good and gracyous Prynce, Kynge and only beloved Son. By

Your humble Servant, Bede-woman & Modyer,
To the Kyngs Grace. Margaret R——

[m] Arthur, by Lady Elizabeth Lucy.

[n] Probably Richard Redman, Bp. in 1501, which points out the Date of the Letter.

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OF THE

Rev. THOMAS BAKER, B.D.

THOMAS BAKER, the Subject of these Memoirs, was descended of a good Family, well esteemed and distinguished for its Affection and Loyalty to the Crown. His Grandfather Sir George Baker, Knt. greatly injured his Family, by borrowing large Sums of Money upon his own Credit, in the Time of the Rebellion, which he either sent to the King, or laid out for his Service. Being Recorder of Newcastle, he with great Bravery defended that Place against the Scots in the Year 1639; a full Account of which is given by

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the Author referred to below[a]. And this worthy Gentleman was again engaged in its Defence, with Sir John Morley, the Mayor of that Corporation, and Sir Nicholas Cole, Bart. at the Time it was beſieged by the ſame People, upon their Return into England, under the Command of General Leſly in 1643[b], when the Marquis of Newcaſtle was there in Perſon to defend it. It was then, I think, ſays Mr. Baker, my Grandfather was knighted by Commiſſion from the King; an Honour he was bound to maintain, though almoſt to the Ruin of himſelf and Family[c].

His Father was George Baker, Eſq; of Crook, in the Pariſh of Lancheſter, (a Place remarkable for its Antiquities[d]) in the Biſhoprick of Durham, who married Margaret a Daughter of Thomas Forſter, of Edderſton in the County of Northumberland[e]; of whom Thomas was born at Crook on 14 September, 1656.

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[a] Lloyd's Memoirs, p. 684.

[b] Ruſhworth's Hiſt. Collect. Part III. p. 646, 7. Heath's Chronicle, p. 68.

[c] MS. Collect. Vol. XXXV. p. 54. — The Gates were ſhut againſt him in his way from Northumberland to St. Albans, and he was obliged to retreat, but at length a Paſs was obtained for him, his Servants, Arms and Neceſſaries from General Fairfax, dated at Ayleſbury, 23 July, 1647.

[d] Gibſon's Camden's Brit. Vol. II. Col. 950. Philoſ. Tranſact. No. 266 & 354. Engliſh Topog. p. 46.

[e] Probably deſcended from Sir John Forſter, Knt. who had conſiderable Poſſeſſions in that County, and was long Warden of the Middle March, where he had been very ſerviceable. Mem. of Cary E. of Monmouth, p. 106.

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When arrived at a proper Age, he was ſent to the Free-School at Durham, to be educated under the Care of Mr. Batterſby (as I have been informed) who was many Years Maſter of that School; from whence, after laying a proper Foundation in Claſſical Learning, he removed, with his elder Brother George, to the Univerſity of Cambridge, where they were both admitted of St. John's College, the one Penſioner, the other Fellow Commoner, at the ſame Time, under the Tuition of Mr. Sanderſon [f], June 13, 1674, and were matriculated on the 9th of July, in that ſame Year, Thomas being then nearly 18 Years of Age.

He took his firſt Degree in Arts in 1677, was choſen Fellow of the Houſe upon Dr. Aſhton's Foundation (on which he had been Scholar likewiſe) in 1679, and proceeded Maſter of Arts in 1681. He was ordained Deacon by Bp. Compton of London, on 20 Dec. 1685, and Prieſt, by Bp. Barlow of Lincoln, very ſoon after at Bugden. He was appointed one of the Univerſity Preachers in 1689, being then B. D.

Not a long Time after this, an Offer was made him by Dr. Thomas Watſon [g], a conſiderable Tutor

[f] Matriculæ Inſtitutio A. D. 1544. See MSS. Baker, Vol. IX. No. 15.

[g] See an Account of him in Salmon's Lives of the Engliſh Biſhops from the Reſtoration to the Revolution, p. 284. His Brother William,

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tor in his own College, (afterwards a more conſiderable Benefactor) and lately nominated to the Biſhoprick of St. David [h], of going with him as his Chaplain, in the following moſt friendly Terms; as appears by a Letter without Date.

" I intimated my Deſire, that you'd be pleaſed " to accept the Offer I made, of your being my " Companion and Confident, rather than Chap- " lain, in my unexpected Remove. I hear there " are very good Things belonging to the Biſhop, " and the Country is very much commended. " The only Fault I find, is its Diſtance from the " North; but you and I ſhall not loſe our Incli- " nation to our own Countries. The Notice I " have taken of you in St. John's, hath deter- " mined me to you in this Particular ſo much, " that your Condeſcenſion will be a particular " Engagement to, Sir,

" Your humble Servant,
" Thomas Watſon."

This however he was pleaſed to decline, probably upon a Proſpect of being taken into the Biſhop

liam, a Native of Hull, likewiſe was buried in the Chancel of Cherry Hinton, Cambridgeſhire, which he had adorned, at the Age of 84, in 1721, having farther endowed the Hoſpital founded by his Brother Thomas at the Place of his Nativity.

[h] Lord Dover being his Patron with the King. See B. Willis's Survey of St. David's, p. 138.

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ſhop of Durham's Family in that Capacity, as he actually was ſoon after. Lord Crew, then Biſhop there[1], collated him to the Rectory of Long Newton in that County and Dioceſe, in June 1687. And it was ſuppoſed, by many of his Lordſhip's Family, he intended to have added to it the Rectory of Sedgefield, (valued at ſix Hundred Pounds per Ann. at the leaſt) with the Prebend, called the Golden Prebend, the beſt in the Church of Durham. But how this might have been, muſt remain uncertain, ſince he had the Misfortune to incur the Biſhop's Diſpleaſure, which obliged him to leave the Family, and to cut off all his Proſpect of farther Advancement there.

The Occaſion of it is thus repreſented in his own Words[k], "When King James's Declara-"tion[l] (for Liberty of Conſcience) was appoint-"ed to be read, the moſt condeſcending Thing "the Biſhop ever did me, was his coming to my "Chamber (remote from his own) to prevail "with me to read it in his Chapel at Aukland; "which I could not do, having wrote to my "Curate not to read it at my Living of Long "New-

[1] He was the Son of John Lord Crew, Baron of Stene, born in 1633, conſecrated Biſhop of Oxford in 1671, and tranſlated to Durham in 1674.

[k] Tranſcribed from the Original by Dr. Philip Williams, late Preſident of St. John's College.

[l] This may be ſeen at large in Bp. Kennet's Hiſt. of England, Vol. III. p. 463, &c.

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"Newton: he prevailed (however) with the Cu-
"rate of Aukland to read it in his own Church,
"when the Biſhop was preſent to countenance
"the Performance. When all was over, the
"Biſhop (as a Penance, I preſume) ordered me
"to go to the Dean [m], (as Archdeacon) to require
"him to make a Return to Court of all ſuch as
"had not read it, which I did, though I was one
"of the Number."

This Biſhop, who thus diſgraced him for his Refuſal, acted very differently in this Reſpect from the generality of his Brethren, and at the Revolution very inconſiſtently with his former Behaviour [n]. For, after cauſing this Declaration to be read, which eighteen of his Order, and the Chief of the Clergy refuſed [o], he joined in the Vote that King James had abdicated, yet after being excepted out of the Act of Pardon of King William and Queen Mary, for his Conduct upon their coming to the Crown, he condeſcended to take the Oaths to them, and kept his Biſhoprick to

[m] Dennis Greenvill, D. D. collated to the Archdeaconry, Sept. 1662, and inſtalled Dean, Dec. 14, 1684, but deprived of both on Feb. 1, 1690. He was brother to the Earl of Bath.

[n] See Salmon's Lives of the Biſhops, p. 396. and Willis's Survey of Cath. Vol. I. p. 251.

[o] Not above 200 of the whole Body of the Clergy read this Declaration, ſome of whom afterwards recanted, and ſeven of the Biſhops ventured to Petition the King againſt it, the Conſequence of which is well known. Neal's Hiſt. of the Puritans, Vol. IV. p. 589. Echard's Hiſt. of England, Vol. III. p. 859. Appendix to Baker's Chron. p. 744, 5.

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to the Day of his Death, on 18 Sept. 1722, at the Age of eighty-eight.

Amongſt thoſe who quitted their Preferments in the Dioceſe of Durham, for refuſing the Oaths enjoined at the Revolution, Mr. Baker was one. To uſe his own Words, "I was," ſays he, "in the Biſhop of Durham's Family in 1688 (a very critical trying Year) and the next out of all. My Patron the Biſhop held his Ground; I, who was a Malignant in 1688, was turned out the Year following;" when he gave up his Living of Long Newton on 1 Aug. 1690, with great chearfulneſs, as it appears from a Letter, communicated by a Friend of Mr. Baker, in the following Terms.

Sir,

I muſt deſire you once more to return my humble Thanks to my Lord, as for all his Favours, ſo particularly, that my Living has been reſerved to me ſo long; and that my Lord may not ſuffer by it, I have nothing further to deſire, only this, that my Lord would now diſpoſe of it.

I am very ſenſible of his Lordſhip's Favour, and with how much Goodneſs I have been treated in this whole Affair; and therefore I do now part with it with as much Thankfulneſs as I did receive it.

I am not deſirous to know my Succeſſor; whoever my Lord thinks fit to ſucceed me, ſhall be acceptable to me, and I ſhall not only be in Cha-

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rity with him, but ſhall have a Friendſhip for him; and if any thing farther be required of me, to make the Living more eaſy to him, I ſhall be ready to do it, upon the leaſt intimation of his Lordſhip's Pleaſure.

I do not know whether I have ſaid enough, if I have not, I muſt deſire you to ſay it for me.

I am to thank you for your Letter, and for all your Expreſſions of Kindneſs and Favour, though they were unneceſſary to me: for though you ſaid nothing, yet I could never ſo much as doubt of it, as being ſo much already,

Sir,

Your moſt obliged humble Servant,

Tho. Baker.

Humble Duty to my Lord.

He thereupon retired back to his Fellowſhip of St. John's College, in the peaceable Enjoyment of which he was protected by ſome great Perſon, as I think it evidently appears, by the following Paragraph in his Preface, to the Funeral Sermon of Margaret Counteſs of Richmond and Derby, &c.[s] After having expatiated upon the Orthodoxy of the Members of that Houſe from the Reſtoration to that Time, he goes on: 'In one Word, when 'the Nation was again alarmed with the Fears of 'Popery, no College expreſt a greater Abhorrence of

[s] P. 57.

'of that Religion, or more Readineſs to ſuffer,
'had there been Occaſion. Of that Number I
'was one; and had I not been under a noble
'Patron, whoſe Humanity and Goodneſs were
'equal to his Birth, I muſt have been an imme-
'diate Sufferer; and this Declaration I make,
'that if it be not true, it may be contradicted;
'eſpecially by ſuch, as having then been tame
'and ſilent enough, when the Danger threaten-
'ed, are ſince very loud, and wonderfully brave,
'when they have nothing to fear.'

Not long after his return to College, I find by ſome Letters communicated to me by a worthy Friend, that he retained a grateful Senſe of the friendly Offer made him by Biſhop Watſon in the Year 1687, and correſponded with him ſome time before his Deprivation, which happened in 1699, a few Months after the Sentence had been confirmed by the Delegates, to whom he had appealed [q]. Many of theſe Letters relate to the Biſhop's private Affairs at Burrough Green in Cambridgeſhire, which Rectory he held in Commendam with his Biſhoprick, and ſo conſequently are of no concern to the Publick; but the few here inſerted, plainly ſhew his Concern for his Friend when under Tribulation, and though without date, were

[q] See an Account of this Tranſaction in Burnet's Hiſt. of his own Times, Vol. II. p. 226, 7. 250, 1. with Wood's Athen. Ox. Vol. II. p. 1170. Willis's Survey of St. David's, p. 138. and Godwyn de Preſul. Angl. p. 588.

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were probably written but a ſhort time before that Event.

In one of the firſt he gives an Account of the Dutcheſs of Somerſet's Foundation of Scholarſhips in St. John's College; and in another about the year 1698, he concludes with wiſhing "his "Lordſhip all Happineſs, and a good Deliverance "from the Deſigns of his Enemies; and hopes "the Baffling of this Plot, will make People leſs "forward in believing all Sorts of Evidence.

"I am with duty, your Lordſhip's
"moſt obliged Servant,
"T. B."

In another of the 7th of April, probably in 1699, he Addreſſes him after this Manner.

"My Lord,

"A Perſon who lately came from "Lambeth, and converſed pretty freely with the "Archbiſhop, told me, that the Archbiſhop has "been ſlow in his Proceedings againſt your Lord"ſhip, for which he is generally blamed, even "by his own Friends; but alledgeth in his Ex"cuſe, that he is reſolved to leave your Lordſhip "no Ground of Complaint, hearing all that can "poſſibly be alledged for you, yet the Sentence "will at laſt be heavy. He did not ſpeak this as "the Archbiſhop's Opinion, but he was very "poſitive

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" positive in what he ſaid, and pretends good " Authority for it. I think your Lordſhip can- " not ſafely take Meaſures from the ABp. or " Dr. Ox—[r]. Things are differently reported.

" I am

" Your Lordſhip's moſt dutiful

" obliged Servant,

" T. B."

In another of Dec. 15.

" My Lord,

" I wiſh your Lordſhip many " Years, and many Deliverances, but rather that " there may be no Occaſion."

Again in another of the 14 Jan.

" My Lord,

" Dr. F—— is out of Town, but " one thing I remember he ſaid, that having men- " tioned to the D——[s] as a thing reported, " that they had two Biſhops now before them,

" the

[r] Probably Dr. Oxendon, Maſter of Trinity Hall, and Regius Profeſſor of Law; who was, I think, at that time Dean of the Arches, and had been choſen one of their Repreſentatives in Parliament by the Univerſity of Cambridge in 1695.

[s] Probably Charles Duke of Somerſet, who was choſen Chancellor of the Univerſity on the Revolution in 1688, which Office he held with great Credit for the Space of ſixty Years, to the Time of his Death, Dec. 2, 1748.

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" the *one* of whom they would gladly save[t], and " could not, the other gladly deprive, and could " not. The D—— replied in ſome heat, it was " very like he might be deprived. This the Dr. " told me, but did not care it ſhould be repeated, " and therefore I muſt deſire your Lordſhip not " to ſpeak of it, and indeed it is not fit to be " ſpoken of.

" I am

" Your Lordſhip's humble Servant."

In one of 6 Jan. from Cambridge, probably in 1702.

" My Lord,

" I ſhall be glad to hear that " your Lordſhip finds relief from your Petition[u]; " I ſee no hurt in that, it will ſhew the World " that your Lordſhip did not drop the Cauſe, but " deſired a fair Hearing.

" I have received the Books[w], and have given

" or

[t] Dr. Edward Jones, Bp. of St. Aſaph, accuſed likewiſe of Simony. In whoſe Caſe, Bp. Burnet tells us, the Preſumptions were very great, yet the Evidence was not ſo clear as in the other. Hiſt. of his own Times, Vol. II. p. 227.

[u] To the Houſe of Lords I preſume, before whom the Cauſe at length came to a Hearing. 'A Letter to a Peer concerning the Power of Metropolitans over their Comprovincial Biſhops,' in 4to. 1701, was wrote in Favour of the Biſhop.

[w] 'A ſummary View of the Articles exhibited againſt the late Biſhop of St. David's, and of the Proofs made thereon,' had been pub-

"or ſent to Dr. C——, Dr. Hill, Dr. B——, "Mr. Roper, Billers, Browne, Th—— C. C. &c. "As many of them as I have ſeen, ſend your "Lordſhip their Thanks. I doubt I ſhall want "one or two for other Friends, whom I cannot "eaſily refuſe; if your Lordſhip could give one or "two to Mr. Boſw— in London, it would make all "eaſy; however, I will take care that Dr. C—— "ſhall have one.

"I am your Lordſhip's
"moſt dutiful and obliged Servant."

Mr. Baker's Friendſhip however for this Gentleman, ſeems to have got the better of his Judgment, ſince his Conduct has been very generally condemned; and what perſuades me to think not without reaſon, is, that it appears highly probable from original Papers, now in the Hands of —, that long after his Deprivation, he even ſold the Turns of thoſe Livings he had purchaſed for and given to St. John's College, "viz. Fulborn St. Vigor, value

publiſhed in 8vo. 1701, by Sir John Coke, LL.D. in Anſwer to which was printed in 4to. 1702, A large Review of the ſame, in Defence of the Biſhop, and which is probably the Book he employed Mr. Baker to diſtribute amongſt his Friends. It was drawn up by Mr. Ferguſon. See Salmon as above, p. 345, but this being thought too long, was abridged by his Lordſhip's Chaplain, and printed in 1703, 4to. The Biſhop told Mr. Baker, 'The Biſhop of St. David vindicated, &c.' by way of free Conference between two bold Britons, 4to. 1705, was wrote by his Chaplain and Countryman and Townſman, Mr. Catline. See the Biſhop's Caſe as agreed in the Houſe of Lords. Baker's MSS. Vol. XIV. p. 121.

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lue 130£. — Brinkley, value 80£. both in Cambridgeſhire, — and Brand's Burton, near Beverley in Yorkſhire, value 200£. per Ann." and of which he had reſerved the nomination to himſelf during his Life.

Upon his return to the College, he ſat down with great Application to his Studies, and what Progreſs he made in them may be learnt from that moſt excellent Book, publiſhed by him, ſtiled, 'Reflections upon Learning, wherein is ſhewn the Inſufficiency thereof, in its ſeveral Particulars: in Order to evince the Uſefulneſs and Neceſſity of Revelation:' a Book wherein he has ſhewn himſelf well acquainted with all Parts of Learning, and which has met with ſo general an Approbation, that eight Impreſſions of it at the leaſt, have been ſold off. Mr. Boſwell in his Method of Study, 1738, ranks it amongſt the Engliſh Claſſicks for the Purity of its Style [x], and recommends it to the young Student's Peruſal, as an incomparable Performance, and well fitted for an Introductory Treatiſe to the Sciences. "[y] A "Piece," ſays he, "of ſo excellent a Nature, that "will deſerve a repeated Peruſal, and that too "with more than ordinary Exactneſs. That "maſterly Diction, that Purity and Simplicity of "Ex-

[x] John Boſwell, A. M. Vicar of Taunton, Part I. p. 246. See Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 203.

[y] P. 19. Introduction.

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" Expreſſion, that runs through the whole, will " furniſh out a beautiful Pattern for Style; and " that Variety of Matter it contains, will afford " ſome uſeful Hints even to the wiſe and learned.

" Thoſe fine Obſervations which the Author " has made on the ſeveral Branches of Know- " ledge, that came under his Notice, will give the " the Reader a general Notion of the moſt valu- " able Parts of Learning, and prepare him for a " judicious Peruſal of thoſe Books that treat of " them. By the help of this uſeful Treatiſe, he " will be able to obſerve the Defects of the ſeve- " ral Sciences he intends to ſtudy, and mark the " Faults to be avoided by Beginners. He will " here ſee human Learning taken down from its " exalted Heights, its Difficulties pointed out, " and its Vanity and Inſufficiency expoſed, in a " beautiful Manner: and in an Age, wherein " Learning is admired almoſt to the Loſs of Re- " ligion; what can be a more proper Introduc- " tion to the young Gentleman's Study, what a " more ſuitable Expedient to guard his Morals " from the Infection of a degenerate World, than " a Treatiſe of this Kind?"

I will venture to add, nothing could better have diſcovered the extenſive Knowledge of the Author, than the Variety of Subjects on which he treats; and amongſt which there are perhaps as few Miſtakes as may be; one, however, he was very

very ſenſible of many Years before his Death (which his Bookſeller neglected to correct in the ſubſequent Editions) and for which he quotes the Authority of Baldwin, the Collector of the Fragments of the twelve Tables of the Roman Laws, one of which permits the Body of the Debtor to be cut in Pieces, and divided amongſt the Creditors for Want of Payment [a]: by which was undoubtedly meant, no more than the Body of the Debtor's Eſtate, as has been ſince fully proved by a late very learned and ingenious Writer [a], of the ſame College.

Though Eccleſiaſtical Antiquities were by no means his principal Study, yet he hath ſhewn us what Proficiency he was capable of making in that Branch of Learning, by his Criticiſm upon two learned, though not very accurate Criticks, M. Le Clerc and Father Simon; and in his Remarks, pointed out ſome of their Miſtakes, as may be ſeen at large in his xvith Chap. on Critical Learning, wherein he has ſtood up in Defence of Eraſmus, the Perſon who, as Dr. Knight obſerves, awakened Men's Underſtandings, and brought them from the Friers' Divinity to a reliſh of general Learning, by his uncommon Wit and extraordinary Degree of Literature [b].

A late

[a] Reflect. Chap. XIII. p. 178.

[a] Comment. ad Leg. Decemviral. de inope Debitore, &c. Joan. Taylor, LL.D. 4to. Lond. 1742.

[b] Life of Eraſmus, Introduct. p. 7.

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A late ingenious Writer, however, being of a different Opinion, hath paſſed the following Cenſure upon this Work. "Baker," ſays he, "in his "Reflections upon Learning, defended Eraſmus, "and attacked Le Clerc with a Virulence which "one would not have expected from a Man, who, "as I remember, was accounted a candid, gen-"teel and polite Perſon. But party Zeal guided "his Pen: Tantum Religio potuit.—Le Clerc "gave him a ſhort Anſwer, in the Index to the "fourth Edition of Ars Critica, under the Word "*Eraſmus.*"

A Perſon of Dr. Jortin's Candour, ſhould, methinks, have compared Eraſmus's Words with thoſe of Mr. Baker, before he paſſed ſo diſagreeable a Cenſure upon the latter. More eſpecially, as Mr. Baker was known to have been a Man of the ſtricteſt Veracity, whilſt that of Monſ. Le Clerc has been called in Queſtion, more than once, although he lays ſo much ſtreſs upon it, in his ſhort, but ſcurrilous Anſwer. And if I could be ſurprized at any Thing he either did or ſaid, it would be that in the Edition of Eraſmus's Works, publiſhed by him at Lyons in 1705; he has printed Eraſmus's Comment on the xxviiith Chapter of the Acts of the Apoſtles, verbatim, with that of Baſil in 1535, without taking the leaſt Notice of its being printed otherwiſe in the Edition he mentions, and from which he takes

 the

the Liberty of cenſuring Eraſmus for his Want of Geography.

Dr. Jortin has likewiſe been pleaſed to obſerve, that "Mr. Baker hath one Chapter upon Meta-"phyſics, in which he hath made no mention of "Locke. Juſt as if a Man ſhould write the "Lives of the Greek and Latin Poets, and truly "omit Homer and Virgil! And further, that in "Chap. xvi. he had taken Notice, there was lit-"tle or nothing left for the Sagacity and Induſtry "of modern Critics; whereby he ſhewed he was "no Critic himſelf, and not at all acquainted "with the true State of Claſſical Books, and par-"ticularly of Greek Authors." There are ſeve-ral other like Shafts, occaſionally lanced at Mr. Baker, in his Life of Eraſmus [c], which is profeſ-ſedly formed upon the Plan of Le Clerc, the Writer's Guide and Maſter. May not then his own Words be retorted upon him? But party Zeal guided his Pen: Tantum ſuadere Religio potuit.

Mr. Baker likewiſe republiſhed Bp. Fiſher's Funeral Sermon for Lady Margaret, Counteſs of Richmond and Derby, Mother to King Henry VII. and Foundreſs of Chriſt's and St. John's Col-leges in Cambridge [d]; with a Preface of his own, wherein

[c] See Jortin's Life of Eraſmus, Vol. I. p. 550, 1, &c. 4to. 1758.

[d] The Counteſs at her Death, had thirty Kings and Queens allied to her within the fourth Degree, either of Blood or Affinity: and ſince

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wherein he expreſſes the higheſt Regard for the Memory of that great and good Man, as being principally concerned, in promoting all her Foundations and Benefactions to both Univerſities; and towards the Concluſion of this Preface (wherein is given an Account of Old John's Houſe, containing ſome farther Account of her Charities and Foundations, together with a Catalogue of her Profeſſors both at Cambridge and Oxford, and of her Preachers there, with the Foundation of the preſent College) he ſpeaks of him in the following Manner. "Having now done with the "Foundation, it may be expected I ſhould ſay "ſomewhat of the following Sermon, as well as "of its Author[c]." "The Author is well known, "and will need no Apology for his private Vir"tues, and I can be no Advocate for his Opinions. "It is very true, he died for a miſtaken Princi"ple, which I could heartily wiſh had been other"wiſe, as well for his own ſake, as for the ſake "of the College, that ſuffered with him: but if "he could not digeſt the Oath of Supremacy, or "if he denied it, thus much may be ſaid in "Abatement of his Crime, that the Thing was "then quite new to him, till it had been better "looked into, and the Doctrine propoſed in ſuch "a

ſince her Death, ſhe hath been allied in her Poſterity to thirty more. Pref. p. 7.

[c] P. 58.

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" a Senſe, at leaſt in ſuch Terms, as Q. Eliza-
" beth's Clergy, I am ſure Mr. Calvin, could
" hardly allow. And yet I cannot but hope bet-
" ter of him, than of many of the complying Po-
" piſh Clergy, who under that Reign of Perjury,
" in all Appearance, proſtituted their Conſciences
" to ſave their Preferments: and yet ſome of them
" did not do that, but were ſent to wander, to
" ſeek their Bread, and were as very Mendicants
" by Neceſſity, as they could have been under a
" Vow."

Eraſmus, in a Letter to William Grocyn, ſpeaks of him as one of the learnedeſt Men of the Age, and gives the like Character of him to John Reuchlin, a Man famous at that Time for Cabaliſtical Learning[f].

And Henry VII. in his Letter to his Mother about promoting him to a Biſhoprick, ſpeaks of his ſingular Virtue, his good and virtuous Converſation, &c. in very high Terms[g].

Dr. Rawlinſon, in his Engliſh Topographer[h], ſpeaks of this Preface in the following Terms. " In this Piece the modeſt Author has given us a
" Specimen of his Skill in Antiquities; and it
" were to be wiſhed he would let ſee the Light,
" The

[f] Knight's Life of Eraſmus, p. 124, 5.

[g] See Append. to Bp. Fiſher's Sermon, p. 41. To which may be added Mr. Wharton's Character of him in his Anglia Sacra, Part I. p. 382.

[h] By an impartial Hand, p. 14. 8vo. 1720.

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" The Hiſtory of St. John's College, &c. as this " ſhort Sketch makes us eager to ſee more of the " Author's Antiquities, and to read his Account of " thoſe, who flouriſhed in the Republick of Let- " ters, educated at Cambridge, in which we doubt " not, Camden's Judgment will be joined with " Wood's Induſtry."

" As to the Sermon, could I ſuſpect any Danger " from making it Publick, though it be printed " already, yet I ſhould not have been prevailed " with to give it a ſecond Edition: but I think " there is none." For which he gives ſome Rea- ſons, and then concludes, " As it is, I truſt it " with the Reader; if what has been ſaid by Way " of Apology, do not ſatisfy, towards obtaining " his Favour, the next Thing I am to tell him is, " that I do not value his Cenſure: I have no lit- " tle Ends or Intereſt to ſerve; I have no Patron " whom I either ſtudy to pleaſe, or am afraid to " offend; no Preferment that I either ſeek, or " would accept, if offered without ſeeking; I ſit " very looſe to the World, and have a very few " Years to live; I have always had an Inclination " to ſpeak the Truth, and to do Right, eſpecially, " where it is moſt depreſt and wanted; and in " that Opinion I hope to die."

As Mr. Baker had deſervedly an high Opinion of Bp. Fiſher, and had ſome Thoughts of writing his Life, as appears by a Letter to Mr. Herne,

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dated Sept. 1725.— "What you ſay of undertak-
"ing Bp. Fiſher's Life, I have often thought of,
"but to tell you the Truth, I dare not venture,
"ſince Right cannot be done him, without giv-
"ing great Offence, and I would either do him
"Right, or nothing at all."

And as he was willing to preſerve any Memorials of ſo worthy and learned a Prelate, ſo we find him very ſollicitous in procuring an original Picture of him, or a good Copy; which the late Lord Weymouth, as it appears from the following Letters[1], was ſo obliging as to favour him with.

Long Leet, July 25, 1709.

Dear Sir,

We are here of Opinion, that the Volume of Hollingſhed, which you mention, con-

[1] Theſe Letters were put into Dr. Grey's Hands by Mr. Baker, upon a Report having been propagated, that the Picture was not given to Mr. Baker, but to the College; about obtaining which he ſeems to have been as anxious, as Sir Thomas More was for that of Eraſmus, when deſpairing of ſeeing him any more in England. See Knight's Life of Eraſmus, p. 307. The above Letters were wrote by Dr. Robert Jenkin, who had been Fellow of St. John's College, of which he afterwards became Maſter, and was then Chaplain to Thomas Lord Viſcount Weymouth, (who had been very kind to Non-jurors (particularly to Bp. Ken) of which he was one, and quitted his Preferments at the Revolution on that Account, except his Fellowſhip, to which he retired for the Proſecution of his Studies. He, however, conformed to the Act of K. George I. when Maſter, and proceeded to eject thoſe of the Fellows who refuſed. Though he acted herein with Reluctance againſt his Friends, and purely in Obedience to the Injunctions of the Government, yet he was made uneaſy by the Sufferers on that Account. A long Account of him might be added from Nichols's Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 15, 6.

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contains Things omitted in moſt Copies, though perhaps not all which are found in ſome, but that cannot be exactly known, till it be compared with ſome other Copy, which contains the Omiſſions.

My Lord will take it very kindly, if you will be pleaſed, as you propoſe, to ſend that Volume to Mr. Bedford, and his Lordſhip will ſend Bp. Fiſher's Picture to London, to have a Copy taken for you there, by a good hand.

Mr. Bouchier lately called here in his Way from Bath, and in Diſcourſe told me that he had ſeen a Picture of Bp. Fiſher in Suſſex: when he came into the Library, I aſked him, whether he knew that Picture, ſhewing him Bp. Fiſher's; he ſaid he did not, and afterwards told us, that in Suſſex was not like it: which makes me think that was taken when he was younger, or elſe is not his.

Mr. Bouchier did not deny that this agrees with the Latin Inſcription, nor has any one that has compared them.

My Lord, I doubt, has nothing in his MSS. relating to the Univerſity; but Mr. Harbyn[k], (who

[k] Mr. George Harbyn, of Jeſus College in Cambridge, had been Chaplain to Turner, Bp. of Ely, and ſuffered with his Maſter for refuſing the Oaths at the Revolution. He is ſuppoſed to have been the Author of a Book, intitled, Hereditary Right, &c. although his Friend Hilkiah Bedford ſuffered Impriſonment, and was fined 1000 Marks

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(who ſends his Service) has divers Papers, though none before the Reformation: which ſhall be ſent you from London, when we come there, or ſooner if you deſire it.

R. Jenkin.

Oct. 17, 1709.

Dear Sir,

Biſhop Fiſher's Picture is now copied, and ſo well done, that his Lordſhip has been thinking of parting with the Original to you, but the Painter told him, the Boards upon which it was painted, if any Accident ſhould happen to it in the Carriage, could not be put together again, ſo as not to blemiſh the Picture. The Copy coſt 10£. by which you may gueſs it is not ill done. And indeed, as it has hit the Likeneſs, ſo it is as well (if not better) finiſhed than the Original.

Mr. Harbin has put ſome Papers relating to Cambridge into my Hands, which ſhall be ſent to you with the Picture, when we come to London.

I ſpoke to Mr. Wanley[1], who is now here, to help

Marks for printing it.* He was thought to have been as well acquainted with the Hiſtory and Antiquities of England as any Man whatſoever. See Supplement to Swift.

[1] Humfrey Wanley, the Son of Nath. Wanley, of Trinity Coll. Oxford, who took the Degree of A.B. there in 165¾, and of A.M. in

* Hilkiah Bedford was born July 23, 1663, and died Nov. 26, 1724. See an Account of him in Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 629, 30.

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help you to any Thing he has met with among Mr. Harley's Papers: or any others that may be ſerviceable to you. He tells me he will write to you from London, and offer you any Service which he can do you, &c.

The Miſtake you mention had been very inconſiderable, if you had made it. Indeed I am aſhamed of myſelf, as often as I conſider, when many of my Friends are without that Title, to whom it is much more due[m].

R. Jenkin.

P. S. Mr. Francis Roper of St. John's College was very deſirous of a Copy of this Picture likewiſe, but the Painter's ſtay was ſo ſhort, it could not be procured.

Sir,

in 1657, was of Edmund Hall and Univerſity College, and then Mr. Harley's Librarian, and afterwards to Edward E. of Oxford; a Man of Learning, and as Mr. Hearne informs us, as well verſed in Books, as any one of the Age, he died in 1726, and was buried in the Church of St. Mary le Bonne. See Preface to Annales Priorat. de Dunſtable, p. 7. Mr. Gale, that celebrated Antiquary, ſpeaks of him in the following Manner. — Neque ſilentio nobis prætereundus eſt, vir ille peritiſſimus, cujus cuſtodiæ et fidei ſuam bibliothecam commiſit honorandus admodum vir Edwardus Harleyus, Humfredus Wanleius: cujus opera benè de nobis merendo; et ſi quid cujus cura penes ipſum erat opus eſſet tranſcribendo, nunquam defuit. Regiſt. Honor. de Richmond. Præf. p. 35. See Anec. of Brit. Topog. p. 332. Vol. I. 668. and Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 504. Many Letters amongſt the Harleian MSS. from Mr. Bagford and Mr. Baker, were addreſſed to him at the Coach Office in Surrey Street. ib.

[m] He probably took the Degree of D. D. about that Time.

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Nov. 17, 1709.

Sir,

You will receive the original Picture of Biſhop Fiſher[n], which I hope will come ſafe to you. The Copy is well done, and has a great Likeneſs, but repreſents him at leaſt ten Years younger, which I ſuppoſe was the Reaſon that the Painter omitted the Age, which you will find to agree with the Face, and with the Inſcription.

I have likewiſe in the ſame Caſe ſent you ſome Papers of Mr. Harbin's, who gives his Service.

Mr. Wanley came to Town with us, but I have not ſeen him ſince; when I do ſee him, will put him in Mind of his Promiſe, if he has not written to you.

Dear Sir,

Your humble Servant,

R. Jenkin.

Dec. 3, 1709.

Dear Sir,

I am glad that the Picture came ſafe, and that you approve of it. His Lordſhip is very well

[n] This Picture of the Founder, for ſo he is ſtiled in Mr. Baker's Will, was bequeathed by him to the Maſter Dr. Newcome or College, who told a Friend that of the two Pictures of him in the College, the beſt (which is reckoned to be done by Hans Holbein, the moſt celebrated Portrait Painter of thoſe Times, as all who have ſeen it, and know his Style and Manner judge it to be his) has A°. Ætatis 74. upon it, which will ſhew the Date (as he was born at Beverley in Yorkſhire in 1459) to be about two Years before his Death.

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well diſpoſed, and I am ſure would be very willing to gratify you in any Thing elſe, if his Library could afford any Materials for the great Work which you have in Hand[o].

I ſpoke to Mr. Wanley, who is not unmindful of his Promiſe, but ſays he will not trouble you with a Letter, till he has ſomething better to preſent you, which he doubts not he ſhall have this Winter among Mr. Harley's MSS.

Mr. Wanley has the greateſt Collection of Engliſh Bibles, Pſalters, &c. that ever any one Man had. They coſt him above 50£. and he has been above twenty Years in collecting them. He would part with them, I believe, but I know not at what Price. I wiſh that ſome of the Benefactors to St. John's Library would purchaſe them, for they are a very great and valuable Rarity; as the chief kind of Things there wanted.

I was pleaſed to ſee an Edition of the New Teſtament by Taverner, A. D. 1540, to have ſo much in it verbatim of our preſent Tranſlation, and better ſpelt than I ever obſerved Engliſh at that Time[p].

There

The other repreſents him as much thinner in the Face, and ſeems to have been taken juſt before his Execution (on the 22d of June, 1535) a Skeleton and Crucifix being before him.

[o] Athenæ Cantabrigienſes.

[p] This Tranſlation of the Bible (in MDXXXIX) is a great Rarity, for which the Tranſlator is ſaid to have been ſent to the Tower, but for what Reaſon cannot eaſily be found, only he was then or ſoon

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There is another Rarity then to be ſold; which is proffered to my Lord, a Collection of Pamphlets, in Number 30000, bound in 2000 Volumes. The Collection was begun by King Charles the Firſt in 1640, and continued to 1660. In a printed Paper, where I ſaw this Account, it is ſaid the Collectors refuſed 4000 £. for them [q].

R. Jenkin.

He mentions likewiſe Scot's MS. Hiſtory of the Univerſity of Cambridge amongſt a Collection of Books then ſelling by Auction, which it might be agreeable to him either to purchaſe or copy, and which ſhews how diligent he was by himſelf or Friends in inquiring after every Thing upon that Subject, which he had ſo much at Heart, and which his indefatigable Labours and Abilities enabled him to have carried into Execution, had he met

ſoon after looked upon as heretically inclined, and the King's famous Bible being printed the ſame Year, from which this varies conſiderably; offence might be juſtly taken, and yet it is printed by Licence, and dedicated to the King.

This Tranſlation ſeems to be for the moſt Part according to that of Tyndall, which was one Thing that might poſſibly give Offence, he being burnt for an Heretick. Baker's Notes.

See one of them in the Library of the Univerſity of Cambridge, A. 4. 25. and another in that of St. John's Coll. T. 6. 14.

For an Account of Rich. Taverner, ſee Maſters's Hiſt. of C. C. C. C. p. 389.

[q] This Collection (as I have been informed) was made by an Anceſtor of Henry Siſſon, Druggiſt on Ludgate Hill or Street; in whoſe Poſſeſſion they were about thirty five Years ſince. They were purchaſed by the preſent King, and preſented to the Britiſh Muſeum. Brit. Topogr. Vol. I. p. 669.

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met with ſuitable Encouragement, with the greateſt Credit to himſelf and Honour to the Univerſity; but ſuch were the unhappy Diviſions of thoſe Times, that although the greater Part of his Life was ſpent in making Collections for ſuch an Hiſtory [r], yet he never met with a proper Patronage for ſuch a Work, and ſo never digeſted any of them, but thoſe of his own College, the Hiſtory of which, down to the Reſtoration is well drawn up, and now compleat in the Britiſh Muſeum, and highly deſerving of Publication [s].

Hearne

[r] Enquiry being made concerning this Undertaking, it was anſwered in the following Manner. —— Per Epiſtolam quæſita e —— Bentheimo.

Qu. Quinam viri in Collegiis Acad. Cantab. a tempore Fundationis uſque ad hanc ætatem maxime floruerint?

Reſp. Johan. Bakerus * Coll. Div. Johan. non ita pridem Socius, jam vero Commenſalis, Acad. Cantab. Hiſtoriam conſcribendam ſuſcepit. Quæ, ut cætera omnia ad Acad. illam ſpectantia, ita virorum qui in ſingulis ejuſdem Collegiis maxime floruerint, Opera Vitaſque exhibebit.

Quod autem ad illam Acad. Cant. Hiſtoriam, quam ſi quis alius Operi tanto par Rev. Joh. Bakerus conſcribendam ſuſcepit, quanquam hominem ipſum a biennio non viderim, neque ab alio aliquo intellexerim quos in eo Opere progreſſus fecerit, non dubito tamen, quin quanta poteſt in eo diligentia utetur. Sin vero de hac ex altera illa Oxon. Acad. Hiſtoria ab Ant. a Wood conſcripta conjecturam facere liceat, hæc non niſi poſt aliquot annos expectanda erit †.

[s] 'Tis true Mr. M—— had a Converſation with Dr. P—— on this Subject, but not to ſuch a Purport, as it is without his leave reported to be in Topogr. Brit. N. c. p. 219. and in Anec. of Bowyer, p. 616. Since Mr. M—— never did or ever meant to aſſert it was wrote 'under the Influence of Prejudice,' as there miſrepreſented. Something of that Kind might be hinted by Dr. P— but Mr. M— apprehends

* Errat. pro Tho. B——.

† Vide Bakeri MSS. Vol. XL. ad finem.

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Hearne ſays, Optandum eſt ut ſua quoque Collectanea de Antiquitatibus Cantabrigienſibus juris faciat publici Cl. Bakerus, quippe qui Eruditione ſummâ Judicioque acri et ſubacto polleat. — Had his Deſign ever been completed, it would far have exceeded Wood's Performance for Oxford, notwithſtanding the Reflection, as unjuſt as ſevere, with which the Writer of Wood's Article in the Biographia Britan. inſults us. For to the Application and Induſtry of the latter, Mr. Baker united a penetrating Judgment and great Correctneſs of Style; and theſe Improvements of the Mind were crowned with thoſe amiable Qualities of the Heart, Candour and Integrity[t]. Mr. Baker, however, in his Modeſt Way, ſeems to diſclaim any ſuch Superiority, in a Letter to Mr. Rawlins of Pophill, now amongſt Ballard's Collections in the Bodleian Library, and communicated by an ingenious Friend late of Oxford, to the following Purport. " To your Inquiry con-
" cerning Athenæ Cantabrigienſes, I can give you
" no ſure Account, only it is certain Mr. Rich-
" ardſon[u] is making Collections towards ſuch a
" Work,

prehends without much Reaſon, as he does not ſee any Grounds for ſuch Prejudices, in Times ſo diſtant from his own. But indeed Mr. G— is ſo unfortunate as not only to have miſrepreſented Mr. M— here, but in every other Part of his very inaccurate Work, wherever his Name is mentioned. Pref. p. 23, 4.

[t] See Anecdotes of Brit. Topography. p. 103.

[u] Afterwards D.D. and Maſter of Eman. Coll.

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"Work, and I have furniſhed him with ſome-"what towards this College. It is a Work I was "inclined to myſelf, but our Regiſters are ſo im-"perfect, that as far as I underſtand ſuch Things, "it is hardly poſſible to give a perfect Account of "any Thing, near to what Mr. Wood has done "at Oxford. If Mr. Richardſon finds it other-"wiſe, I ſhall be glad of his Succeſs[x]."

He was known to be ſo well verſed in the Hiſtory and Antiquities of this Kingdom, that ſcarce any Thing of that Sort was publiſhed without ſome Application to him, who was always found very ready to give any Aſſiſtance, and very communicative of his Knowledge, as the ſeveral Parties who applied to him, make honourable Mention of.

Dr. Walker, in the Year 1714, acknowledges his Aſſiſtance in his Account of the Numbers and Sufferings of the Clergy of the Church of England, ſaying the greateſt Hopes he had conceived of this Kind, were upon the Informations of ſuch learned Perſons, as had more than a common Reputation for Antiquities; in which Number he ranks Mr. Baker, for his friendly Aſſiſtance in the Univerſity of Cambridge.

A ſhort Time before his Ejectment from his Fellowſhip, Bp. Burnet wrote him the following Letter, expreſſing his great Concern for the Churches'

[x] Dated 23 Aug. 1735.

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Churches' Loſs, by the Deprivation of ſo many worthy Men, who quitted their Preferments on Account of their Conſciences.

London, Jan. 29, 171⅘.

Rev. Sir,

According to your Direction, I ſent a Book to Mr. Wyat, where your Order will find it; and when you have found the Leiſure to go through it, I am in hope that your Zeal for Truth, and Goodneſs for myſelf, will prevail over that modeſt Averſion that you expreſs, to the cenſuring of what you may find amiſs in it.

I do not deny that I thought a late Volume[y] was written by one in St. John's College: ſince ſome there, as they had much Leiſure, ſo were very capable of compoſing that Work, that was written with a great deal of Gravity and Decency.

I never think the worſe of Men, for their different Sentiments in ſuch Matters: I am ſure I am bound to think much the better of them; for adhering firmly to the Dictates of their Conſcience, when it is ſo much to their Loſs, and when ſo ſacred a Thing as an Oath is in the Caſe. But I have ſo great a Regard both to yourſelf and your Friends, that as I am extremely ſorry that the Church hath ſo long loſt the Service of ſo worthy

[y] The Hereditary Right of the Crown aſſerted.

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worthy Men, ſo am very glad to have it in my Power, from what you write to me, to vindicate both you and them in that Particular: for I am with a true and high eſteem,

Rev. Sir,

Your moſt affectionate
and moſt humble Servant
Gi. Sarum.

This learned Prelate, although he was not at Liberty to mention Mr. Baker's Name, yet acknowledges his Aſſiſtance in correcting ſome Miſtakes in the two firſt Volumes of his Hiſtory of the Reformation. "A Gentleman," ſays he in his Preface* to the third Volume, "in one of the Univerſities, has ſent me a copious Collection of Remarks, on both my former Volumes, but on Condition not to name him; which I will obſerve religiouſly, ſince I promiſed it, though it be not eaſy to myſelf. Since I may not own to whom I owe ſo great an Obligation, I ſuppreſs none of them, but give them entirely as he offered them to me." And they are accordingly printed there.

In a Letter from the learned Dr. William Wotton to Dr. Waller of St. John's College, dated 1 Dec. 1715, he expreſſes himſelf concerning theſe worthy Men in the following Manner.

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* P. 7.

"I am heartily ſorry for my old Friends in the College; and would give a great deal, had I great deal to give, that a Way could be found to get them overlooked. The unhappy Commotions of reſtleſs Men, have done theſe honeſt and worthy Men a Miſchief."

But notwithſtanding theſe good Wiſhes of their Friends, he with ſeveral other learned, peaceable and inoffenſive Men, were diſpoſſeſſed of their Fellowſhips on 20 Jan. 1716[a]. This of all Mr. Baker's Sufferings ſeems to have affected him the moſt, and to have given him the greateſt Uneaſineſs, not ſo much on Account of the Profits ariſing from his Fellowſhip, as that ſome, whom he took to be his ſincereſt Friends, came ſo readily into it, particularly Dr. Jenkyns their Maſter. From this Time he ſtiled himſelf in all his Books, Tho. Baker, Coll. Jo. Socius ejectus, and on a Letter from Dr. Jenkyns, directed to Mr. Baker, Fellow of St. John's College, he made the following Remark, 'I was ſo then, and little thought it would be by him I ſhould be no Fellow.' This Dr. Robert Jenkyns had been himſelf a Nonjuror, and very intimate with Mr. Baker, and even wrote a Defence of the Profeſſion of Lake, Bp. of Chicheſter, concerning Paſſive Obedience and the new Oaths, after having given up the Precentorſhip of Chi-

[a] To the Number of Twenty-two in that College only, whoſe Names are mentioned in App. to the Life of Kettlewell, p. 33.

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Chichester, and Vicarage of Waterbeach, on that Account. He complied, however, about the Time of his being prefered to the Maſterſhip of his College (on Apr. 16, 1711) and ſo became the Inſtrument of ejecting his old Friends and Aſſociates. In this Step, though he is ſaid to have acted with Reluctance againſt his Friends, and merely in Obedience to the indiſpenſable Injunctions of the Government[b], yet he was made uneaſy by the Sufferers on that Account; which occaſioned him to decline, and in ſome Years to loſe both his Memory and Underſtanding.

Sir Paul Whichcote[c], a worthy Baronet of Quoy in Cambridgeſhire, wrote to Mr. Baker upon this Occaſion, in the following friendly and obliging Manner.

Sir,

I received your extreme kind Letter ſome Days ago, in which there were ſo many obliging Expreſſions, which are much more the Effect of your Goodneſs, than due to any Merit of mine.

I ſhould have been glad to have done Mr. Billers[d] and yourſelf Service upon any Account, and would

[b] Mr. B. is ſaid to be quite wrong in imagining he could do more for him than he did, ſince he was ſereenᵈ, till Notice came from Above that this would not be overlooked any longer. T. F.

[c] See an Account of this Family in Whiſton's Memoirs, p. 369.

[d] John Billers, B. D. Fellow of St. John's College, was choſen Publick Orator of the Univerſity in 1681, but deprived for refuſing the

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would have omitted no Care or Pains to have effected it, but have this Diſconſolation, to conſider that I have only laid an unprofitable Obligation upon you, ſince you are pleaſed to own it as ſuch.

I ſhould have been forward to have made Acknowledgments before, for all thoſe obliging Expreſſions in your Letter in reſpect to my Uncle [e], as well as myſelf, but I had a mind firſt to acquaint Lord Orford [f], with the grateful Senſe you have of his Readineſs and Willingneſs to ſerve you in that Affair, which is now done. And I am going, upon the finiſhing of this Letter, to wait upon my Lord of Ely [g], on the ſame Account.

Sir, I ſhall be very ſorry, if what has happened, ſhall put you upon removing to ſome Place, perhaps not ſo agreeable to yourſelf, and deprive your Friends of the Benefit of your Converſation.

I could never have any Suſpicion, that ſo good a Perſon as you are, could be capable of doing any Injury to the Government; and therefore am ſo

the new Oaths at the Revolution. A truly learned and good Man, as Mr. W—— ſtiles him.

[e] Sir Jeremy Whichcote, a noted Royaliſt. See Eachard's Hiſt. of England, Vol. III. p. 807.

[f] Edward Earl of Orford, Son of Edward Ruſſel, Eſq; See Peerage of England, 1709, p. 293. and Campbell's Lives of Admirals, Vol. III. 67.

[g] Dr. William Fleetwood, a celebrated Preacher, tranſlated from St. Aſaph to Ely in 1714.

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ſo far from ſuppoſing, that I can ſuffer on any ſuch Account, that I rather eſteem it as an Honour, to have attempted to ſerve you[h], and ſhall always remain, Sir,

Your moſt faithful
and moſt humble Servant
Pa. Whichcote.

And this Application of his Friends in his Behalf, muſt have aroſe entirely from the Senſe they had of the agreeableneſs of that Situation to him, and not from the Revenue ariſing from it; for ſo little ſollicitous was he about temporal Affairs, that afterwards, when in the Year 1723, the Regiſtering Act paſſed, his Nephew Burton wrote to deſire he would regiſter his Annuity of 40£. per Ann. (which the Act required before it was amended and explained). Though this Annuity was now his whole Subſiſtence, yet he could not prevail with him to ſecure himſelf againſt the Act, but he wrote to him thus in Anſwer.

" I thank you for your kind Concern for me, and yet I was very well apprized of the late Act; but don't think it worth the while at this Age; and

[h] A Remark of Dr. Williams in the Margin, " What this Service was I do not know, by the Date of the Letter I imagine there had been ſome Deſign of getting him and Mr. Billers reſtored to their Fellowſhips, or a Penſion, or ſomething in lieu of them." The Letter is indorſed in Mr. B—'s own Hand, " Sir P. W.'s Letter, who kindly offered himſelf without being applied to."

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and under ſuch Infirmities, to give myſelf or my Friends ſo much trouble about it. I don't think that any Man living, beſides myſelf, knows certainly that it is charged upon any Part of Couſin Baker's Eſtate; or if they do, I can hardly believe, that any one for ſo poor and ſo uncertain a Reward, will turn Informer; or if any one can be found ſo poorly mean and baſe, I am ſo much acquainted with the Hardſhips of the World, that I can bear it. I doubt not but I ſhall live, under the ſevereſt Treatment of my Enemies: or if I cannot live, I ſhall ſurely die, and that is comfort enough to me.

If a Conveyance will ſecure us againſt the Act, I am willing to make ſuch a Conveyance of the Annuity to you, not fraudulently and in truſt, but in as full and abſolute a Manner as Words can make it: and if that ſhall be thought good Security, I deſire you will have ſuch a Conveyance drawn and ſent to me by the Poſt, and I will ſign it, and leave it with any Friend you ſhall appoint, till it can be ſent to you.

This Annuity of forty Pounds a Year was left by his Father's Will for his Fortune[1]; beſides which

[1] There is an ill-natured Remark upon this Annuity being held with his Fellowſhip, in the Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 614. as if inconſiſtent with it, whereas the great decreaſe in the Value of Money ſince the Foundation of the College, may eaſily reconcile it to the Statute.

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which, his elder Brother by Will left him twenty Pounds a Year out of his Collieries from the Day of his Death (which happened in Auguſt 1699) for the remaining Part of a Leaſe, which determined at Whitſontide 1723, the very Year that this Regiſtering Act took place. Yet after the the loſs of his Fellowſhip, and the Determination of this Leaſe, he lived comfortably and much to his own Satisfaction upon his Annuity. And though he had many kind Offers, as I have been credibly informed, particularly from Dr. Kennet, Bp. of Peterborough, who not long after his Promotion to that See, reſerved ſome of his beſt Preferments for Mr. Baker, and would not give them even to his own Son, till the other had modeſtly declined them; intimating that the Pittance that was left him, would with good Oeconomy, carry him comfortably through the World[k]: being well apprized that the Seat of Contentment is in the Mind, and if that was not eaſy in itſelf, no outward Circumſtances could make it ſo; and that every Trifle would make it otherwiſe; and that even Proſperity itſelf cannot be born, without a good Degree of Patience.

Nay, in all Viciſſitudes it is plain that he could ſuit his Mind to his Circumſtances, and taking upon

[k] In which Selfdenial, he much reſembled Mr. John Hale, Fellow of Eton College, of whom an Account may be ſeen in the Life of Lord Clarendon, p. 53, 5.

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upon him the whole Armour of God, was able to withſtand the evil Day, and to remain ſtedfaſt and immoveable, both in doing and ſuffering his Will, as may be ſeen in a Soliloquy of his in the Appendix.

His Acquaintance with Dr. Grey, ſeems to have commenced at leaſt as early as the Year 1718, when we meet with a Letter to him, dated 5 March, from Cambridge, and which continued till the Time of his Death without the leaſt Interruption.

Worthy Sir,

This Day, and this very Moment, I received your Books, printed and MS. and though I have had but little Time to peruſe them, yet I can eaſily gueſs I am much in your Debt, and wiſh I knew how to be out of it.

When I return you the MSS. which I doubt not are very valuable, I muſt think of ſome ſmall Token of Acknowledgment, though much beneath the Favours with which you have loaded me.

Hemingius's Poem, dedicated to Queen Elizabeth, is undoubtedly an Original, and as ſuch is a Rarity, though the intrinſic Value be not much; I don't know that it has been printed, and I am apt to think never will. The other two have leſs to ſay for themſelves, and yet they

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are not to be deſpiſed, but I muſt not make a Judgment upon ſo tranſient a View as I have yet had.

If I meet with Dr. Beveridge's Pandectæ Canonum, I ſhall be ſure to remember. It begins now to be ſcarce and dear, and it is very valuable; I have it not in my Study, and indeed ſcarce any Books that are in our Library.

I thank you for your kind Invitation, but without Compliment, I am not fit to go any where beyond my own Chamber, where I ſhall always be glad to wait upon you, when your Occaſions call you this Way.

Dr. Dickins is very agreeable Company, whom I will acquaint with the Favour you offer him, the next Time I meet him at the Coffee Houſe.

I am, Sir,

Your moſt obliged humble Servant,

Tho. Baker.

By another, dated 14 June, 1722, he acknowledges his Receipt of the Doctor's Recommendation of Dr. Cutler, an eminent New England Divine, and once Governor of Yale College, with three other Gentlemen, Mr. Johnſon, Mr. Brown and Mr. Cherkley, who came into England for Miſſions, and were favoured with Degrees at Oxford, in the following Words.

Worthy

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Worthy Sir,

Not knowing whether I ſhall ſee Dr. Cutler and his Friends any more, I ſend this by the Carrier, with my Thanks for the Favour of your laſt Letter.

The Dr. and his Friends return with the ſame Degrees they had at Oxford, which by the ſhort Converſation I had with them, as well as by the Teſtimony of better Judges, I find they very well deſerve.

I hope they will meet with better Encouragement, from thoſe that are beſt able to confer it.

You will probably have ſeen Dr. Middleton before you receive this, who will acquaint you with our Affairs, and make it needleſs for me to add any more, than that I am

Yours, &c.

Tho. Baker.

In another, dated 10 Oct. 1724.

——— The Book I received, for which and many others, I return you hearty Thanks. I deſire you will give yourſelf no further trouble to look out more, I have Books enough: this latter will be a very proper Employment for my old Age, if I have Grace to uſe it. The other Book I ſent to the Maſter of Magdalen, who was glad nothing new happened ſince you left us; the

Friends

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Friends you name return their humble Services, with Dr. Middleton's, who is now with us, and Mr. Newcome, who thanks you for your kind Letter. ——

There are two large Volumes of original Letters of Mr. Baker to the well known Mr. Thomas Hearne, the Oxford Antiquarian, now in the Bodleian Library, beginning about the Year 1716; from whence it appears, that he gave him marvellous Aſſiſtance, in all the Books he publiſhed from that Time to his dying Day, and which abundantly ſhews his great critical Skill in Engliſh Hiſtory, and particularly in that of Books relating thereto: and from whence many uſeful and inſtructive Extracts might be made, of ſuch Things as were not publiſhed by Mr. Hearne; whom we find very liberal in his Acknowledgments for his moſt friendly Aſſiſtance in almoſt every Book he publiſhed.

Thus in his Preface to Sprott's Chronicon[1], ſpeaking of Nic. Cautelupe's Hiſtory of the Univerſity of Cambridge, Bakerus Amicus noſter integerrimus et doctiſſimus; aliique ſapientes Cantabrigienſes flocci faciunt.

And again, — idem teſtatur Codex Cantabrigienſis, ut e Literis Antiquarii amiciſſimi doctiſſimique Thomæ Bakeri S.T.B. intellexi[m].

In

[1] P. 36. A. D. 1719.

[m] Præfat. Rob. de Aveſbury Hiſt. P. IV. A. D. 1720.

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In his Preface to the Hiſtory of Glaſtonbury [n], he ſays, "I cannot but here acknowledge that that great Man, the Rev. Mr. Baker of Cambridge, was pleaſed, while the Book was under the Preſs, to ſend me ſomething curious relating to this Subject (viz. a Catalogue of its Abbots, &c.) which ſhall be placed by me in the Appendix."

And farther, In principio exemplaris Catalogi hujuſce, mihi ab amiciſſimo Tho. Bakero S.T.B. Cantabrigienſi Antiquario equidem ſpectatæ virtutis donati, hæc inter alia, a manu (nempe Bakeri) ſcripta habentur, &c.[o]

In his Preface to Robert of Glouceſter's Chronicle, publiſhed in 1724, he gives a large Account of the Nuremberg Chronicle, Hartman Schedel[p], &c. given to Chriſt College, (Claſs D. 4. 2.) by Ferdinando Pulton, Eſq; the great common Lawyer, who had been Scholar and Fellow there, as it appears from Mr. Baker's Letters, and the very Words of the Inſcription therein [q].

"In turning over my Papers (ſaith Mr. Baker) "I find we have another Copy of Hartman Sche- "del, &c. at Chriſt's College, given to that Col- "lege by Ferd. Pulton, Eſq; admitted Scholar in "his

[n] P. LXXX. Append. N. XI. A. D. 1722.

[o] Præfat. Johan. Forduni Scoti-Chron. p. ccxviii.

[p] See a full Account of this Book from Baker's MSS. Vol. XXIX. p. 408. inſerted in the Append.

[q] See the latter end of the 1ſt Vol. MS.

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" his Youthe into Chriſt College in Cambridge,
" the laſt Yeare of the Reigne of King Edward the
" Sixt, where he continued until the laſt Yeare
" of Queene Marye, tooke the Degree of A. B. in
" 1555, and was made Fellowe of the ſame Col-
" lege one Yeare before he departed thence[r].
" Became afterwards a painfull Student, and
" Profeſſor of the Common and Statute Lawes
" of this Realme (as may appeare by ſeverall
" Books or Workes by him compoſed and pub-
" liſhed in Print, tending to the knowledge and
" divulging of the ſame Lawes) even untill his
" age of fourſcore Years and upwards[s]. For
" the Love and Affection which he did beare to
" to the ſaid College, his Nurſe and School-miſ-
" treſs, and in token of good Will to the ſame
" Houſe, did upon the ſixt Daye of September,
" anno Domini 1617, et anno Regni Jacobi 15,
" beſtowe this Booke upon the Maſter and Fel-
" lowes of the foreſayd Colledge, and their Suc-
" ceſſors; too meane a Guifte for ſo worthie, and
" well deſerving a Place: intended nevertheleſs
" to have beene much greater, had it not beene
" extenuated by the Charges and Expences of his
" Travall and Labours in the Workes aforeſaid,
" wil-

[r] Had the induſtrious Author of Athen. Oxon. ever ſeen this remarkable Inſcription, he never would have placed him at Brazen Noſe, amongſt the Oxford Writers.

[s] 29 Jan. 1617. æt. 82. See Athen. Oxon. Vol. I. p. 319.

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" willingly beſtowed upon the Profeſſors of the " ſame Studie, for the Benefit of his Countrie " and Commonwelth thereof, by me

" Fernando Pulton, of Burton
" in the Countie and Pariſh of
" Buckingham."

We find Mr. Hearne in like Manner, making honourable Mention of Mr. Baker, in all his ſubſequent Works, and indeed with the greateſt Reaſon: for he had been indefatigable in his Reſearches for him, and afforded him extraordinary Aſſiſtance in carrying them on to the laſt.

Mr. Hearne willing to teſtify a grateful Senſe of the many Favours conferred upon him by Mr. Baker, writes thus to him from Oxford, July 3, 1783.

Hon. Sir,

Having been informed by Mr. Rawlyns of Pophill[t], of your noble Deſign of continuing Mr. Wood's Athenæ, and that any Notices which would be ſerviceable to ſuch an Undertaking, would be kindly received, I drew up a ſhort Account of the Life of my learned and ingenious Friend Mr. Graves, which, however unfit I am for ſuch a Purpoſe, I will venture to communicate to you.

Tho. Hearne.

By

[t] Near Alceſter in Warwickſhire.

By these means, such a Friendship was contracted between them, as continued to the Death of the former: which the latter, in a Letter to the same Tho. Rawlyns, Esq; thus laments.

Worthy Sir,

I have the Favour of your Letter, and am to thank you for your Account of the loss of our common Friend, and heartily condole with you upon that melancholy Occasion; and for the common loss, not only to you and me, but more so to the Public; I often cautioned him against fatiguing himself too much, and overloading his Constitution, but he was not to be advised, and so dies a Martyr to Antiquities.

Yours,

Tho. Baker.

Camb. Aug. 23, 1735.

Mr. Baker had likewise a Correspondence with Dr. Thomas Smith, of Magdalen College at Oxford (a great Friend of Mr. Hearne's, and whose Letters and Papers he inherited) for whom he copied K. Edward VI's Letters to Queen Catherine Parr, from the Library of C. C. C. C.[a]

A Divine of great Eminence, Dr. John Smith[x], in

[a] Mr. Hearne left a Life of himself in MS.

[x] In Hearne's Append. to Tit. Livii Foro-Julienſis Vitæ Hen. V. Reg. Angl. publ. 1716. containing a Collection of Letters of great Persons.

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in his Preface to his Edition of Venerable Bede's Eccleſiaſtical Hiſtory (publiſhed by his Son George Smith, Eſq; in 1722) thus ſpeaks of Mr. Baker[y].

Hujus Impreſſionis mihi Copiam fecit ex Bibliotheca Coll. Corp. Chriſti Cant. Vir celeberrimus atque Antiquitatum omne genus peritiſſimus Thomas Baker S.T.B. quem ob præcipuam ejus erga me benevolentiam atque honoris cauſa nomino[z].

Dr. Samuel Knight likewiſe, in his Introduction to the Life of Eraſmus[a], makes honourable mention of him. "Monſieur Le Clerc for ſome "(as he thought) critical Miſtakes, would endea-"vour to leſſen the Credit of Eraſmus, but I "could almoſt forgive him, for having done "more for the honour of our Author in having "ſo great a Hand in the Publication of his "Works, than he hath diſhonour to him; eſpe-"cially too, ſince they ſtand judiciouſly confut-"ed, by a very learned Friend (Mr. Baker in his "Reflections upon Learning) to whom I take "this Opportunity of paying my Acknowledg-"ments, for the Aſſiſtance he has afforded me "towards this Work, and thereby contributed "to the farther honour of Eraſmus and his Eng-"liſh

[y] See his Character in Carter's Hiſt. of Camb. p. 258.

[z] He was buried in St. John's College Chapel, 30 Jul. 1713, at the Age of 56, with a long Inſcription over him by his learned Friend Mr. Baker, which although printed by Le Neve. Vol. V. p. 266. and Blomfield 123. Collect. Cantab. ſhall have a Place in the Append.

[a] Publiſhed in 1726. p. 16.

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"liſh Friends." And again in the Life of Eraſmus at p. 88. he ſtiles him "the greateſt Maſter "of the Antiquities of this our Univerſity."

The late learned Hilkiah Bedford, one likewiſe of the ejected Fellows of St. John's College, in Præfatio Vitæ Johannis Barwick S.T.P. publiſhed by him, from the MS. depoſited in that College Library by his Brother Peter, the Author, thus ſpeaks of him, Amiciſſimus mei Thomas Bakerus, egregium illius Collegii Ornamentum, atque Antiquitatum Cantabrigienſium ſtudioſiſſimus peritiſſimuſque. To this Book, printed in 1721, there were eleven or twelve hundred Subſcribers, and yet a Tranſlation was called for in three years Time; which was made by the Editor, and publiſhed with many curious Notes in 1724. Of whom may be ſeen a long Account in Carter's Hiſtory of Cambridge (p. 261.) which Hiſtory was chiefly compoſed from the Collections of the Rev. Rob. Smith of Woodſton; whoſe Handwriting was ſo bad, and the Compiler ſo ignorant and illiterate, that it abounds with innumerable Faults.

Mr. Browne Willis, in like Manner, freely acknowledges his Aſſiſtance in the ſeveral Works that he was from time to time carrying on; as does alſo Mr. Francis Peck, in his Preface to the firſt Volume of his Deſiderata Curioſa, in the following Terms. "For this, and a multitude of other

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uncommon Favours, which Mr. Baker for a long courſe of Years, has moſt generouſly done me, I ſhould of all Men living, certainly be the moſt ungrateful, if I did not here make him this publick Acknowledgment;" and indeed in the Preface to the ſecond Volume, and elſewhere, he frequently repeats theſe Acknowledgments; as many of the moſt curious of them had been copied from his Collections, ſuch as Queen Elizabeth's Reception and Entertainment at Cambridge, Count Arundel's Apology, the Life of Mr. John Bois, Smith's Obituary, &c. and in particular for two Letters concerning Dr. Anthony Walker, the Author of the Life of Dr. John Bois, with ſome farther Particulars relating to the Life and Death of the latter[k].

The learned and celebrated Dr. Middleton in his Diſſertation concerning the Origin of Printing in England, after producing three Authorities for its Origin at Mentz, viz. Caxton himſelf, the Black Book, or Regiſter of the Garter, and Fabian's Chronicle, adds, theſe three Teſtimonies have not been produced before that I know of; two of them were communicated to me by Mr. Baker, who, of all Men, is the moſt able, as well as the moſt willing, to give Information in every Point of curious and uncommon Hiſtory. And in his De Medicor. apud veteres Romanos degen-

tium

[k] See Life of Cromwell, p. 93, 4.

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tium conditione Dissertatio, he thus speaks of him, Bakerus denique noster, qui Colloquiis hisce nostris, non interesse solum, sed pro illâ, qua præstet omnibus, Antiquitatis cognitione, præesse etiam solebat; cum Opinioni meæ suæ etiam sententiæ pondus, tanquam cumulum quendam adjecisset, p. 5.

The late worthy and learned Dr. John Ward, when meditating the Lives of the Gresham Professors, got a Friend to communicate his design to Mr. Baker, who not only approved of it, but agreeably to his constant readiness to promote every laudable Undertaking, for the Improvement of Knowledge, was pleased likewise to promise him Assistance, from his large and valuable Collections. And not long after, sent many Particulars relating to most of the Professors, who were bred at Cambridge[c].

Dr. William Richardson, the learned Master of Emanuel College in Cambridge, in his large Work, de Præsulibus Angliæ, amongst other Helps and Assistance he met with from MSS. and Friends, speaks of Mr. Baker in the following Manner. — Hunc Librum in ipso Operis primordio mihi commendavit Vir Thomas Baker S.T.B. nuper e Coll. Divi Johan. Cant. cujus peritiam in Britannicis Antiquitatibus, Comitatem Humanitatem-

[c] Preface to the Lives of the Professors of Gresham College, p. 1.

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tatemque in Opera et conſiliis preſtandis, norunt omnes qui hæſce Literas vel leviter attingerint[d].

He reviſed Dr. Rawlinſon's Hiſt. of Eton Coll. as appears from Ballard's MS. Vol. II. fol. 93. in the Bodleian Library, with his Account of purchaſing ſome of his Books, and Additions to Wood's Athen. Oxon. in the ſame Volume.

Mr. Baker likewiſe greatly aſſiſted the Editor Mr. J. Tanner in the laſt Edition of Bp. Tanner's Notitia Monaſtica, wherein he ſtiles him, Amiciſſimus, clariſſimus ——— et Vir doctiſſimus Thomas Baker. And in a Note at p. 155. he acknowledges to have received from him, the Number of Fellows and Scholars in moſt of the Colleges in Cambridge.

Mr. Joſeph Ames, F.R.S. and Secretary to the Society of Antiquaries, alſo in his Typographical Antiquities of England, informs us that he correſponded with Mr. Baker by Letter, and that he had conſiderable Aſſiſtance from him in that Work. Some Particulars of which are ſpecified in p. 352. concerning Thomas Vantrollier the Printer, at p. 458. Thomas Thomaſius, the Author of the Dictionary called by his Name, who had been Fellow of King's College, and Univerſity Printer, and at p. 564. a Book intitled, A Declaration of the true Cauſes of the great Troubles, preſuppoſed to be intended againſt the Realme

[d] Preface, p. 5.

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Realme of England, &c. which was deemed ſo dangerous a Libel, againſt the Queen and Government, that Lord Bacon thought it worth while, to publiſh Obſervations upon it in 1592.

The Editor of this Life, although he never had the honour of his Acquaintance, being very young at the Time of his Death, yet being well informed of his amiable Character, makes honourable mention of him, both in his Preface to the Hiſtory of C. C. C. C. at p. 42. and elſewhere, and in his App. N. LIX. has given the Account above inſerted (p. 29. note g.) taken from his own MSS.

In the Year 1725, Mr. Baker gave aſſiſtance to Father Courayer*, in the Defence of our Engliſh Ordinations, on which Subject he held a Correſpondence for ſome Time with ABp. Wake, who acknowledged it in the following Letter.

Rev. Sir,

Yeſterday in a large Caſe, I ſent by Mr. Knapton to Mr. Crownfield your Printer, was returned the MS. you was ſo good as to ſend me, with that you will receive a Copy of Father Courayer's Book.

I ſhould have added another Copy for Dr. Drake,

* Written in French by Father Francis Courayer, Canon Regular and Librarian of St. Genevieve at Paris, the Tranſlation of which by Daniel Williams, Preſbyter of the Church of England, was printed likewiſe at Paris in 1725.

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Drake, but the Books we expect from Paris are not yet arrived; and what we now have are only a few brought over by Mr. Ott my Library Keeper: one of the firſt, I thought myſelf obliged to ſend to you. Dr. Drake ſhall have his as ſoon as the Books come to hand, which we expect every Day.

In this Book you will find your Name made uſe of for the Hiſtriola in the Univerſity Archives[f], which I hope you will excuſe, though I gave no direction for it. The good Father has, I think, been guilty of a Blunder, in taking the Date of that MS. from the Year 1568, under ABp. Parker's Arms: but this may be excuſed in a Foreigner. Yet I muſt do myſelf the Juſtice to acquaint you, that I cautioned him againſt it, as ſoon as I received your ſecond Letter, and underſtood that the Arms were printed, ſo as to be applied to any other MS. of a different Year; but I doubt this was done by him before that Letter came to hand; the beſt is, that nothing of any Moment depends upon it. And upon the whole I believe, you will find fewer Miſtakes, in ſo much as he has publiſhed of our Hiſtory, than in any Foreigner that has ever wrote of it.

I dan-

[f] Mr. Baker's Name is not mentioned in Mr. Williams's Tranſlation of this Book, though probably referred to in that of the Author's Preface, p. 7. where he ſpeaks of his Vouchers, and regrets the Injunction laid upon him not to divulge their Names, as they would have done great honour to his Work.

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I cannot end this, without my repeated Thanks for your great Kindneſs to him in the Proſecution of this Work, which I am ſure will meet with a very favourable Reception from the learned in France.

I am, good Sir,

Your moſt obliged and faithful
Friend and Brother
W. Cant.

Amongſt the Letters that paſſed between ABp. Wake and Father Courayer upon his Book, concerning the Validity of the Engliſh Ordinations, there is one in which his Grace with great Reſpect mentions Mr. Baker, the famous Antiquary of St. John's College, Cambridge, who communicated to him ſome Information concerning the Hiſtriola, &c. relating to ABp. Parker, which was diſcovered during the Correſpondence with Courayer, in Bene't College Library. The Archbiſhop had before received ſome Aſſiſtance from this learned Nonjuror, in writing his State of the Church, and after the Work was completed wrote to him a Letter of Thanks; and as a Teſtimony of his Senſe of the Service he had done him, offered to accept his Recommendation of a Friend (as he could not receive it himſelf) to a Benefice worth 200*l.* a Year, then vacant. Mr. Baker waved this Offer; and very politely requeſted his

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Grace's Favour might be to himself, by a Present of a Copy of the aforesaid Work, with his Grace's Corrections and Additions in his own Handwriting. With this the Archbishop complied, and sent besides, many Manuscript Evidences bound up with the Volume, now in the University Library[s].

In the Year 1728, we meet with the following Letter, to his old Friend Mr. John Strype.

"Rev. and worthy Sir,

"After so long a Silence, I was glad to hear from you; had your Letter brought an Account of your Health, I should have been perfectly easy, since if it is otherwise, pray God comfort you under your great Affliction. You have one sure Comfort and Support, in having done more Service to your Generation than any one I know. For which you may expect a Reward in Heaven, though not from an evil World. I was very much concerned, to meet with that undeserved Reflection in Father Courayer's Book, though I am certain it cannot hurt you with candid Readers. You can have said nothing in your Preface, from me, which I shall not confirm, or which I have already upon Occasion, to most of my Friends; so that will want no Apology, be it what it will.

"I am

[s] See Biograph. Brit. p. 4096.

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"I am glad to hear your laſt Book is in ſuch "Forwardneſs, though I have ſeen moſt of it al- "ready. The Compiler of the Index, Dr. Grey, "being my particular Friend. He has a true "Eſteem for you, and preſents you with his Ser- "vice. I expect to ſee Dr. Knight the next "Month, in his Way to London, I will then re- "member your Service, though you will have an "Opportunity of doing it yourſelf, ſince he in- "tends to ſee you, and promiſed to make the "ſecond Payment for me and the College, and "to take care to convey the Books to me.

"As to myſelf, I bleſs God, I enjoy a tolera- "ble Share of Health, more than I could reaſon- "ably expect at this Age, and much more than "I deſerve; but yet I feel the Infirmities of Age, "and am very ſenſible of my own Frailty and "Mortality. You ſtand in my Will for ABp. "Bancroft's Picture, which I am afraid you will "hardly be the better for; if not, it ſhall ſtand as "the beſt Teſtimony of Reſpect, from, worthy "Sir,

"Your moſt obliged humble Servant
"Tho. Baker."

Camb. May 20, 1728.

Mr. Strype has frequently acknowledged Mr. Baker's Aſſiſtance in many Parts of his Works, par-

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particularly in his Prefaces to the Lives of ABps. Parker and Whitgift; but in that to the third Volume of the Annals of Queen Elizabeth, the Book abovementioned, publiſhed this Year, he thus ſpeaks of him. "The Rev. T. B. S.T.B. "another of my Correſpondents (well known for "his Searches into the Hiſtory of this Church "and Kingdom) divers Years ago, upon ſome "Occaſion in a private Letter to me had theſe "Words, 'I have not read any Books with more 'Pleaſure than I have your's, nor met with any 'Thing that beareth more lively Impreſſions of 'Sincerity and Truth; and it is that, that makes 'me ſo officious to ſerve you.' I hope that the "Rev. Perſon will excuſe me in thus openly "uſing his Name, and declaring his good Opi-"nion of me; eſpecially upon this Occaſion, for "preſerving my good Name to Poſterity, and "Reputation of what I have writ."

Mr. Strype has ſatisfactorily anſwered the miſtaken Objections of Mr. Daniel Williams, the Tranſlator of Father Courayer's Book, and fully juſtified himſelf againſt his ſlanderous and illiberal Reflections, which occaſioned the Uneaſineſs above hinted at, in the beginning of the Preface to this Volume: upon the Publication of which Mr. Baker wrote to him from Camb. Aug. 9, 1729, in Anſwer to one lately received.

"Rev.

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" Rev. and worthy Sir,

"After ſo long Silence, " I was very glad to hear of your Health, and " that you are yet in a Condition to think of " Buſineſs, which all the World would excuſe " you from attending, at your Age. What you " propoſe would be very agreeable to me, and " would certainly be of Uſe to the World; but I " doubt you muſt not propoſe any preſent Ad- " vantage to yourſelf, but muſt be content that " your Book will be valued, and bear a Price an " hundred Years hence. And thus it is I com- " fort Mr. Willis when he complains his Books " ſtick upon his Hands. Whatever you under- " take, I ſhall ſubſcribe for myſelf and the Col- " lege, though the College was forgot in your " laſt Book, of which ſome Notice was taken.

" I have lately met with a ſmall Volume " of original Letters, from 1592 to 1598, from " Lord Burleigh to his Son Sir Robert Cecill, " which belonged to the late Biſhop of Ely, (Dr. " Moore) you may probably have ſeen theſe al- " ready, however I will ſend you a Copy of the " laſt Letter, rather as a Curioſity than of Uſe. " By that you will judge whether you have ſeen " the reſt.

" Dr. Knight I have not ſeen this Harveſt time. " Mr. Willis has told us he is upon the Hiſtory " of the Church of Ely, as you will find when his

" next

" next Book is publiſhed. I wiſh you Health,
" and though I ſhould be glad to ſee a Continu-
" ance of your Annals, yet not otherwiſe than it
" will conſiſt with your Health.

" Yours, &c.

" Tho. Baker."

Mr. Baker ſent Mr. Strype likewiſe a long Account of Dr. Peter Baro, Margaret Profeſſor of the Univerſity of Cambridge, and of his Family, which is barely mentioned in his fourth Volume of the Annals of Queen Elizabeth.

Theſe Letters were afterwards publiſhed by Mr. Peck in Deſid. Curioſa, Lib. V. and the Account of Dr. Baro ſhall have a Place in the Appendix.

About the ſame Time Dr. White Kennet, Lord Biſhop of Peterborough [h], thanks Mr. Baker for the Aſſiſtance he gave towards the compiling a large Folio, publiſhed by him under the Title of, A Regiſter and Chronicle Eccleſiaſtical and Civil, &c. in 1728, in the following Terms [i].

" Rev.

[h] Well known for his celebrated Antiquities of Ambroſden and Burcheſter, publiſhed in 4to. 1695, and many other valuable Pieces, whoſe Character by Bp. Gibſon, may be ſeen in his Dedication to his Tranſlation of Somner's Treatiſe of Gavelkind, and in the Hiſtory of the Bp's Life publiſhed in 1730.

[i] Printed in Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 533.

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" Rev. Sir,

" I have taken an Opportunity by " my Curate, Mr. Land of Clare Hall, to ſend " you a tedious, heavy Book for Acceptance, not " a Preſent, ſo much as a Debt in Juſtice due to " you, for lending me ſo many good Materials, " that your Hand could have put into better Or- " der, with more Correctneſs.

" The Volume too large, brings me no Profit, " and I dare ſay no Credit. In good Truth, the " the Scheme was laid for Conſcience Sake, to " reſtore a good Principle, that Hiſtory ſhould be " pure Matter of Fact. And when ſuch Matters " are delivered, upon profeſſed Authority for " them, every Reader by examining and compar- " ing, may make out an Hiſtory by his own " Judgment.

" I have Collections tranſcribed for another " Volume, if the Bookſeller will run the Hazard " of Printing, which will reach to 1670. If " within that Compaſs you have any Notes of " like Nature, I deſire you to be of the ſame " communicative Mind; and if you ever ſubmit " to the dull Work, of running over the firſt " Volume, nothing can oblige me more, than to " be told of my Faults of Commiſſion, or Omiſ- " ſion, that in a ſecond Volume the World may " be honeſtly informed of them.

" You will ſee, I have been too much in a

" hurry

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" hurry for a Writer, but without any ill Mean-
" ing; I could envy your Recefs in a College
" Life, where I am ſure you are doing true Ser-
" vice to Poſterity, and (what is greater) there
" deſpiſe the preſent World.

" I have delivered to our good Friend Dr.
" Knight, your ſecond Volume of Dr. Calamy's
" Abridgement, with your exact Notes upon it,
" and thank you for the Uſe of that, and many
" like Favours, and pray God to give a Bleſſing
" to your Life and Studies.

" I am

" Your very much obliged Friend and Brother,

Wh. Peterbor.

Weſtminſter, Jan. 13, 1728.

Mr. Baker, according to the Biſhop's Requeſt, wrote large Notes upon the above Book, in which is an Extract from the forementioned Letter, indorſed the laſt Letter I ever received from my honoured Friend the Bp. of Peterborough, who died on 19 Dec. in that Year.

His Friend Dr. Grey received a Letter from him, dated 15 July, 1728, to the following Purport, ſoon after his leaving Cambridge, and Arrival at Houghton Conqueſt in Bedfordſhire: where as Rector, he uſually reſided in the Summer Seaſon.

" Dear

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"Dear Sir,

"I was glad to hear you and your "Lady came ſafe to Houghton; together with "your Letter the Coachman delivered the Book, "which though imperfect (as ſuch old Books "will commonly be) yet it is a fair Copy, and "very valuable, and I thank you for it."

"I have two or three Books, Duplicates with "me, which I believe you may want, when I ſee "you next, they ſhall be at your ſervice, as a "Debt of Gratitude.

"I wrote to Dr. Waterland, who (with his "Service to you) ſends this Anſwer, 'I ſhould be 'glad to ſee the Quarto Bible of 1569, I have 'not ſeen any ſuch. Dr. Brett mentions an Edi-'tion of Archbiſhop Parker's that Year, a large '8vo[k]. I know no more;' ſo you ſee he will "be glad to ſee your Bible, and having almoſt "finiſhed with Mr. Lewis, the ſooner the better. "However conſult your own convenience.

"We have no News, all Things continue in "the State you left them.

"I have

[k] The Edition here mentioned is of the 4to Size (penes R. M.) but notwithſtanding there are eight Leaves in each Sheet, ſo that the Paper muſt have been uncommonly large, a particular Account of which may be ſeen in Mr. Lewis's Hiſtory of the Engliſh Tranſlations of the Bible at p. 232, 253, although he has omitted to take Notice of the Song of Solomon, which is there ſtiled, The Ballet of Ballettes of Solomon. Dr. Waterland not only aſſiſted Mr. Lewis, in collating for him twelve MSS. of Dr. Wickliffe's Tranſlation, in the Libraries at Cambridge, but furniſhed him likewiſe, with a very curious Account of the other Tranſlations. Monthly Chron. for 1730. p. 110.

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" I have the favour of a Viſit from the fa-
" mous Mr. Vertue, but I ſhall always make good
" what I ſaid to you, &c."

In another Letter to the ſame.

" Dear Sir,

" I have the Favour of your Letter
" with a Bible for Dr. Waterland. I ſhall take
" care to convey it to him this Morning.

" But I have a greater Favour to thank you
" for, which I ſhall ſay no more of, till I have
" the Happineſs of ſeeing you at Cambridge. —
" Speaking of Dr. Waterland, puts me in mind,
" that his Brother has nonſuited Mr. Kettle this
" Aſſize, to the Satisfaction of every Body I have
" ſpoke with.

" Dr. Knight was with me Yeſterday in good
" Health; but poor Dr. Pearſon is worſe than
" ever.

" I have, I thank God, undergone Mr. Lunn's[l]
" Operation with Succeſs. Mr. Hearne's laſt
" Book is printed off[m], but I have not yet re-
" ceived it. I ſhall preſume your Conſent to
" ſub-

[l] William, an eminent Surgeon at Cambridge, Son of Dr. William Lunn, Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Rector of Elſworth in Cambriegeſhire, and Brother to the preſent worthy Rector, Edward Lunn, A. M. See Hiſt. C. C. C. C. p. 343.

[m] Vita Ricardi II. a Monacho de Eveſham. 1728.

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" ſubſcribe for the next, viz. Annals of Edward " the Second [n].

" Camb. July 24, 1728."

It appears from Mr. Ballard's MSS.[*] in the Bodleian Library, that he reviſed Dr. Rawlinſon's Hiſtory of Eton College; where is likewiſe an Account of purchaſing ſome of his Books, and of his Additions to Wood's Athen. Oxon.

He correſponded familiarly with Mr. Anſtis, Garter Principal King at Arms, and moſt probably aſſiſted him in his ſeveral Publications, as we may infer from the following friendly Letter.

Heralds Office, 20 Jan. 1729.

" Rev. Sir,

" I return you many thanks, for " the Information you kindly gave me, of the " Proviſions made by ſome Benefactors for their " Kindred in your College, and I have got the " like Inſtances in ſeveral Colleges beyond Sea, " which are regularly obſerved to this Day, but " the Fellows of ſome Colleges in Oxford, though " ſworn particularly to the preference of Kinſ- " men in their Oaths upon their firſt Admiſſions, " contemn that Obligation. I ſend you the Copy " of a Grant to Dr. Caius of Arms, and I wiſh " you

[n] Annales Edwardi II. a Johanne de Trokelow. 1729.

[*] Vol. II. p. 93.

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" you was in Town to inſpect the ſeveral Grants
" made to Biſhops and others, from the Time of
" Hen. VII. who have been Members of your
" Univerſity,

" Your moſt obliged Servant,
" John Anſtis."

In the Year 1730, Dr. Grey[p] received a Letter from Dr. William Baker, Senior Fellow of St. John's College, bearing Date 15 Oct. as follows,

" Dear Sir,

" That I am ſo troubleſome a
" Correſpondent to you, is at preſent owing to
" our good Friend Mr. Baker, who deſired me to
" convey this Preſent of a fine Common Prayer
" Book for Mr. Willis's new Chapel, by the
" Coach that goes from hence, and if you have
" an Opportunity, to ſend it to him, or elſe let
" it remain with you, till he can ſend for it him-
" ſelf[q]. He bids me farther to add, that he hath
" now

[p] See an Account of him in Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 354.

[q] It is in Folio, printed in 1662, elegantly bound in blue Morocco, and placed upon the Communion Table of the beautiful Chapel of St. Martin at Fenny Stratford in Bucks, built by Subſcriptions raiſed by the unwearied Sollicitations of Mr. Willis, and neither endowed by him, or built at his expence, as erroneouſly aſſerted by Mr. Gough, in his Britiſh Topograph. p. 189. It was begun in 1724, finiſhed and conſecrated on 27 May, 1730. The Cieling of which, is decorated with the Arms of all the Benefactors who gave 10l. or upwards.

After a ſerious and reſpectable Character of this Gentleman, (who died

" now by him Mr. Strype's laſt Volume of An-
" nals in MS. which had you been here, he
" thinks you was fitter to examine than himſelf,
" whether he hath been guilty of making Repe-
" titions, a Fault he is too ſubject to. It is to
" remain in his Cuſtody till the laſt Day of this
" Month. Dr. Middleton is returned hither, and
" he and Mr. Robinſon, are ſince gone to Ld.
" Oxford's; where I ſhould have been too, if
" neceſſary Buſineſs had not prevented.

" Dr. Dickens is at London, but expected here
" every Day. You muſt not wonder that we,
" who are deſirous of your good Company, are
" apt to think you defer your Journey too long.

" My humble Services wait upon all the good
" Company, and I am with hearty Wiſhes for
" their good Journey home,

" Dear Dr.

" Your moſt affectionate humble Servant,

" Wm. Baker."

Dr. Grey,

died on 22 May, 1760) drawn by Dr. Ducarel and others, can any thing be more injudicious than the Addition of Miſs Talbot's Letters characterizing his Daughters: which however pleaſing they might have been from one Friend to another, could certainly never have been deſigned for the Publick; no more than Mr. Cole's Deſcription of his Dreſs, publiſhed from a Letter of his in Nichols' Biographical Anecdotes of Bowyer, the former at p. 248, the latter at p. 581. which indeed Mr. C— could never have conſented to give, without the greateſt Ingratitude to a perſon, from whom he received ſuch a conſiderable Emolument, as the Preſentation to a valuable Living. But ſuch is the preſent Mode of Book-making, that it is become a Vehicle for all manner of literary Scandal, even ſuch, as muſt highly diſgrace Compoſitions, however otherwiſe reſpectable.

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Dr. Grey, in anſwer to ſome Queries, received the following Letter from Mr. Baker in the Year 1734,

Dear Sir,

I am glad to hear of your Health, and that you are ſo well employed in examining Mr. Neale's Book[r]. I ſhall be glad to ſee the Fruits of your Enquiries, which doubtleſs would be of uſe and ſervice to the Publick. Dr. Cowell's Book[s] did give Offence, but it was chiefly to the Lawyers, who are jealous of a Civilian, and apprehenſive of the Civil Law's prevailing, and gaining too much Ground from Scotland. Blackwood's Book[t], might likewiſe give Offence, he having wrote againſt Buchanan. The Book is ſcarce, and I have it not by me. But he was a Scot; and the ſame that compiled the Epitaph upon the Queen of Scot's, hung up at Peterborough upon her Shrine; and had the Author then been known to Queen Elizabeth, it might have coſt him dear.

Sir

[r] Dr. Maddox, afterwards Bp. of Worceſter, publiſhed Remarks upon Neal's 1ſt Vol. of the Hiſtory of the Puritans, and Dr. Grey an Examination of the three others.

[s] The Book referr'd to, was his Interpreter, ſome Poſitions of which, were much diſliked by K. James I, as appears from his Speech to the Parliament, on 26 Mar. 1609. See his Works, p. 528.

[t] The Title is, Adverſus Georgii Buchanani Dialogum de Jure Regni apud Scotos pro Regibus Apologia. Per Adamum Blackwodæum Senatorem apud Pictavos, 1558.

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Sir Charles Cornwallis's Book[u] I have, but there is no Intimation in it of the Prince's being poyſon'd, nor in a MS. of the Bp. of Ely's (Moore's) Library[x], giving a very particular Account of the Prince's Death.

Dr. Richardſon[y] is ſaid to have died worth 10,000l. and only to have left 300l. to the College, the reſt to two Nephews. His Succeſſor is not yet known, but one of Pembroke Hall, Whalley I think is his Name, is like to be the Man, and being ſaid to be a Man of Worth, I wiſh him Succeſs.

He had a Correſpondence with Mr. Cook, who publiſhed an Edition of Heſiod, in the Year 1733, &c. as appears from his Letters, printed in Howard's Collection, at p. 592, and which may be properly inſerted here.

Mr. Baker to Mr. Cook.

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[u] Son of Sir Thomas, of Brome in Suffolk, who had been Treaſurer to Prince Henry, wrote A Diſcourſe of the moſt illuſtrious Henry Prince of Wales, in 1626, which was not printed till 1641, 4to. penes R.M.

[x] Printed in Defid. Curioſa, Vol. I. Lib. VI. p. 1.

[y] Thomas Richardſon, S. T. P. elected Maſter of Peterhouſe College, Dec. 9. 1699, who had been Fellow of Emanuel College, Preacher to Gray's Inn, Fellow of Eton College and Prebendary of Ely. He died 1733. An. Æt. 79, was interred in the College Chapel, and ſucceeded by Dr. John Whalley, afterwards Regius Profeſſor of Divinity, who died 12 Dec. 1748, and was buried likewiſe in the College Chapel.

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Camb. Jan. 24, 1733.

" Worthy Sir,

" Yeſterday, by the Convey-
" ance of the Waggon, I received your noble
" Preſent of Books, and take the firſt Opportu-
" nity of returning my Thanks for ſo great and
" undeſerved a Favour, and though I have had
" little Time to peruſe them, yet I have ſeen
" enough already, to know how much I am en-
" gaged to you, not only for the Preſent, but
" for the Performance.

" As I am to thank you for the Books, ſo am
" I next to apologize for the Print, which doubt-
" leſs coſt you too dear; I hope you will believe
" I had not Vanity enough to countenance ſuch
" a Deſign. When I firſt heard of it, I did all I
" could to ſuppreſs it, but it was not in my
" Power to hinder them from playing the Fool
" with my Face; they might have ſpent their
" Time and Pains better in taking yours, and I
" dare ſay more to their Advantage.

" I am ſorry to hear of your Want of Health,
" which I ſincerely wiſh you, as well for your
" own Sake, as for the Uſe of the Publick. I
" condole with you for the Death of my Lord
" Pembroke, a Loſs that will be lamented by all
" thoſe, that have any Regard to great Worth
" and much Learning.

" Yours, &c.

" Tho. Baker."

To

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To Mr. Cook.

Worthy Sir,

What you have heard concerning my Lord Oxford[z] and me, I can assure you is a great Mistake. I have that Regard and Honour for his Lordship, that any Book in my Study should be at his Service without Reward; but the Report you mention is altogether Groundless, and without Foundation.

I am glad to hear of Dr. Tancred Robinson's Health, for whom I have the same Esteem he has for me, and much more deservedly; well remembering the great Character he bore in College, when mine was very obscure. Be pleased, Sir, when you see him again, to present my humble Service, and best Wishes for his Health.

I wish you Success in your new Edition of Hesiod, the first Part whereof I have perused with Pleasure, but am not Critic enough, to pretend to make Improvements; which truly, as far as I can judge, it will not want. I am

Yours, &c.

Tho. Baker,

Camb. Jul. 22, 1733.

To

[z] Which was, that Lord Oxford had purchased his MSS. In the Biographia Britannica, in a Note in p. 3726, Ld. Oxford is said to have given him an Annuity of 60 l. per Ann. and Bp. Burnet to have assisted him in the same Way.

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To the ſame.

I am clearly of Opinion, that it is beſt for you to retain the Latin Name of Gabriel Faernus[a]. But that I might not ſeem to be opinionative, I conſulted a Friend who had been in Italy, and a Year or two at Rome[b], who is of the ſame Opinion, and thinks if you ſhould Italianize the Name, it would be loſt to Men of Letters, to whom he is now ſo well, and ſo deſervedly known. He never heard of ſuch a Family in Italy, and is not ſure, but he might be a German by Birth or Extraction[c].

I am to thank you for your entertaining Account of Mr. Dennis, who with his fine Parts, ſeems to have been an unfortunate Man. He may have been a Year or two older than entered upon the Books; for it is uſual for young Scholars, to give in their Age too low, eſpecially if they be admitted old. I am

Yours, &c.

Tho. Baker.

In another Letter to the ſame, he thus ſpeaks of the Duke of Somerſet. "He was elected Chancellor

[a] One of the earlieſt and moſt judicious Editors of Terence.

[b] Dr. Middleton.

[c] He is ſaid by Thuanus to have been of Cremona, Vide Ann. MDLXI.

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cellor of this Univerſity, Anno. 1688[d], and has continued Chancellor longer than any one ever did, to the great Honour and Advantage of the Univerſity: to which he has been a noble Benefactor, by giving 500£ towards the New Building, or Senate Houſe, and 1000£. by himſelf, or by his Intereſt, to our Preſs; beſides Books of a conſiderable Value, Rymer's Fœdera 17 Vols. and his Countenance and good Offices at all Times.

Camb. Aug. 23, 1733.

To the ſame.

Worthy Sir,

To your Enquiries I anſwer, Iſaac Newton was admitted into Trinity College under Mr. Pulleyn (the ſame I preſume that was afterwards Greek Profeſſor) Jun. 3, 1661. Art. Bac. 1664, 5. Art. Mr. An. 1668. He was likewiſe admitted Socius-minor Coll. Trin. Oct. 2. 1667. and Socius-major the Year following. He ſucceeded Dr. Barrow, as Mathematical Profeſſor, Nov. 8, 1669; who, though he was not his Tutor, inſtructed and encouraged him in the Study of Mathematics[e].

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[d] As a grateful Acknowledgement of which, an elegant Marble Statue was erected to his Memory, and placed in the Senate Houſe, ſoon after his Deceaſe in 1748; the Inſcription upon which, ſhall have a Place in the Appendix.

[e] Mr. Cook wrote Notes upon Sir I. Newton's Chronology.

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Nat. Lee (the Poet) was of the ſame College, (admitted from Weſtminſter School) where I do not find he took any Degree, as his Friend and Collegian Mr. Dryden did; and their being of the ſame College, might be one Ground of their Friendſhip and Acquaintance: his End, you know, was deplorable, and much to be lamented, and is therefore to be paſſed over in Silence.

Ben. Johnſon (by Tradition) is claimed by St. John's College, of which Houſe he is generally allowed to have been admitted, even by Mr. Wood; who places him among the Oxford Writers, as having taken a Degree there. We have no Regiſter in the College ſo antient, and therefore I can ſay nothing more from the College Monuments. He (Ben. Johnſon) is ſaid to have imitated and borrowed from Plautus; and that I preſume was the Reaſon of your Enquiry. Wiſhing you Succeſs in your Undertaking, I am

Your's, &c.

Tho. Baker.

The learned Mr. Lewis, of Margate, in an Advertiſement prefixt to the firſt Edition of his Hiſtory of the Engliſh Tranſlations of the Bible, ſays, "The Editor thinks himſelf obliged to own "the great Helps he has had from ——— "and the Rev. Thomas Baker, B. D." And his Opinion of Mr. Baker's great Judgment farther appears, from the ſubſequent Letters to Dr. Grey.

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" Margate, May 7, 1736.

" Rev. Sir,

" Your kind Letter of the 30th ult. " came hither, when I was abſent on a Journey " to London, to look after finiſhing at the Preſs, " a new Edition of this little Iſland [f]; about which " I have been at ſome Pains and Expence, in re- " viewing and making it ſomewhat more perfect.

" I am afraid Mr. Baker and you are too fa- " vourable in your Judgments of my Papers; I " can bear being told of what is wrong, and am " very ſenſible how liable I am to blunder and " miſtake. For which Reaſon I dare not truſt " myſelf, and wiſh therefore you would examine " my Remarks on Neal, with the Eye and Heart " of an Adverſary, and exerciſe your ſevereſt Cri- " ticiſm upon them.

" My adding a Cut of the Maſs Habits, is in- " tended as an Appeal to the Diſſenters Senſes, " whether our Prieſtly Habit be like the Papiſts, " or Miniſtering Prieſt of the Church of England, " cannot be diſtinguiſhed from a Popiſh Prieſt [g].

" The Papers relating to Calamy, I ſent to " you, to ſee what Account I have to give of that " furious

[f] The Hiſtory and Antiquities of the Iſle of Tenet firſt publiſhed in 4to. 1723.

[g] Being of Scarlet, the ſame with the Doctors' Habit in Oxford, and worn over the Rochet or Lawn Sleeves in K. Edward's Time, but changed into Black in Q. Elizabeth's Reign, and ſo has continued ever ſince.

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" furious Fanatic Culmer[g]. Calamy died juſt as " they were finiſhed. For which Reaſon I have " kept them by me ever ſince; and intend ſo to " keep them[h]. I ſhould never forgive myſelf, " ſhould I act by him, and inſult his Aſhes, as " he has done thoſe of that learned and honeſt " Man Dr. Bennet[i].

" I don't know whether any of our Bookſellers " will care to print my Remarks. I'm a Man of " no Reputation: and that commonly recom- " mends a Book, as much as the Matter, and " ſometimes more. — My humble Service to the " good Mr. Baker.

" P. S. If it be not too much to aſk, I ſhould " be glad of a Copy of Caxton's Preface to his " Chronicle, to be ſent with my Papers."

In another of June 3, 1736.

" Rev. Sir,

" Soon after the receipt of your's " of the 20th, I received my Papers alſo, which I " have reviewed and made ſome Additions to.

" As

[g] He was Miniſter of Harbledown in Kent, and one of the moſt furious of thoſe Times. See Wood's Athen. Oxon. Vol. I. p. 863, and Wharton's Note in ABp. Laud's Trial and Troubles, p. 344.

[h] See Calamy's Reflections upon Mr. Lewis in his Preface to the Abridgment of Baxter's Life, p. 10, 11.

[i] See his Remarks upon Dr. Bennet's Eſſay on the XXXIX Articles, in App. to his Continuation, Vol. IV. 1727. p. 97.

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" As to Mr. Baker's Notes concerning a Mi-
" ſtake of the ABp's, p. 599, of his State, &c. I
" fancy I have corrected it in my Papers.

" His Grace has quoted in his Margin, an An-
" ſwer for the Time, &c. for Words which are in
" the Examination, for the Time, &c. The Au-
" thor of which is ſuppoſed to be ABp. Parker,
" who certainly does ſay, that the 33d Article of
" 1552, 'are the Words,' which the whole Sy-
" nod were well pleaſed withal, and thereunto all
" the Clergy's Hands were ſet; and in the Mar-
" gin is added, a Hand pointing to the Words,
' whoſoever through his private Judgment, &c.'
" and underneath, 'the Articles agreed in the laſt
' Synod.' That theſe Expreſſions cannot refer to
" the Synod of 1562, ſeems plain from what
" goes before, where this Article is called, 'The
' Determination of the Church of England,
' agreed upon in King Edwardes Dayes.'

" My Papers in Vindication of myſelf from the
" ill Uſage of Dr. Calamy, I ſtill think I ſhould
" not publiſh, for the Reaſons given p. 4, 5, of
" the Examination of Dr. Chandler's Hiſtory.

" I have ſeen an Advertiſement of 'A full
' View of the Tranſactions in the Reign of Q.
' Elizabeth, in two Volumes, by Dr. Forbes.'
" Pray who is Dr. Forbes? and what Character
" does the View bear? ——

" When you ſee Mr. Baker, pray preſent my
" hum-

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" humble Service to him, and ſhew him the In-
" ſcription underneath. It is on a Tombſtone
" in the Chapel of Dover Caſtle, perhaps he may
" know who CREONE was.

C· ET· PETRVS· DE· CREONE.
IE· PRO· ANIMA· EIVS· —

" Mr. Baker ſays he can ſhew by unexception-
" able Authority, that the Catechiſm, &c. was
" written by Bp. Poynet, I wiſh he would be ſo
" good as to ſend me that Authority.
" ABp. Parker calls the Chimere, Crimere.
" Perhaps Mr. Baker can tell the original Deſign
" of it."

Mr. Baker's Anſwers to the foregoing Queries, as entered upon the Backſide of the Letter, were;

" The famous John Bale, who was ſometime Chaplain to Bp. Poinet, and lived in the Family, in his Scriptorum Britanniæ Centuria octava. N. XCII. p. 694. has theſe Words, Joannes Ponetus memoriæ commendavit (inter cætera) Catechiſmum Latinum ad Regem, Lib. I. Cum brevis Explicatio Catechiſmi, &c. which are the firſt Words of the Catechiſm, and Bale's uſual Way of deſcribing Books and Authors.

The full View of the Tranſactions of Q. Eliz. Reign, I have not yet ſeen. Dr. Forbes is LL.D. and

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and his Book well recommended by the Faculty at Edinburgh[l].

I know nothing of Peter de Creone."

In the Year 1736, Dr. Grey received the following Letter from Mr. Baker.

"Dear Sir,

"I bleſs God I am pretty well recovered of my troubleſome Indiſpoſition, though "not without Apprehenſions of a Relapſe.

"I wiſh you and your Lady much better "Health than I can hope to enjoy at this Age, "and therefore I muſt always think them happy "that can die in good Time.

"The laſt Sunday in the Veſtry of St. Marie's, "the Vicechancellor (Dr. Adams, Maſter of Sidney College) propoſed a Degree for the Gentleman you have ſo often ſpoke of (Dr. Letherland) but it did not then paſs the Heads. Nothing was ſaid of Dr. Bedford[m].

"I am

[l] Dr. William Robertſon, in his Preface to the Hiſtory of Scotland, during the Reigns of Q. Mary and James VI. ſays, That vaſt and curious Collection of Papers, relating to the Reign of Q. Elizabeth, made by Dr. Forbes, and of which he publiſhed only two Volumes, has been purchaſed ſince his Death by the Lord Viſcount Royſton, now Earl of Hardwick, who has been ſo good as to allow me the Uſe of fourteen Volumes in Quarto, containing that Part of them, which is connected with my Subject.

[m] William, Son of Mr. Hilkiah Bedford abovementioned, had a Mandate Degree of M. D. conferred upon him in 1737. He was a Phyſician

" I am glad you wrote to the Vicechancellor, " whatever he ſends to me I ſhall take care of."

Dr. Grey received the following Letter from Mr. Weſt in 1738.

" Rev. Sir,

" My firſt Duty is, to return you " my moſt hearty Thanks for the many Favours " I received at Cambridge, for which I ſhall ever " retain the moſt grateful Senſe.

" The Proclamation printed by Authority, is " literally the ſame with yours, that you have " obliged the World with.

" My Lord Oxford deſired to return his Com- " pliments and Thanks, and to aſſure you of his " Eſteem.

" I have looked into my Edition of Taverner's " Bible, which I find is printed in 1539, the " ſame Year Mr. Baker's Copy was, of which I " beg the Favour of you to acquaint him.

" I thought myſelf not entitled to treſpaſs ſo " much on his Time, which is always uſefully " employed, to trouble him about a Miſtake of " my own, which was owing to the Copy I have, " being ſo fair and perfect, that I concluded it to " be a later Impreſſion.

" If

Phyſician well eſteemed in London; and I apprehend one of the Phyſicians to St. Thomas's Hoſpital.

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"If the worthy Vicechancellor[a] is going on "with his Intention of continuing Godwyn de "Præſulibus; I am deſired by Lord Oxford to "aſſure him, that he may command out of his "Library the MS. Additions made by Mr. Cam-"den, Anthony Wood, and Bp. Wren.

"My Reſpects attend him. —— I know not "how to excuſe myſelf for giving you this Fa-"tigue; and muſt throw it all on your great "Humanity to forgive, and to permit me to be "with great Truth,

"Rev. and honoured Sir,

"Your moſt obliged and moſt obedient Servant,

"James Weſt.

Lincoln's Inn, Apr. 19, 1738.

In a Letter of Mr. Baker to Dr. Grey, (in the Year 1738 or 9) he ſpeaks of Mr. Peck's Books in the following Terms.

Dear Sir,

Your Meſſenger calling upon me in the dark, and my Eyes not well bearing a Candle, I doubt I ſhall ſend you a ſhort and imperfect Anſwer.

I am glad you have heard from Mr. Peck; you are very kind in ſubſcribing for his Books; That is

[a] Dr. William Richardſon, Maſter of Emanuel College, who publiſhed a pompous Edition of that Work in Folio in 1743.

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is as much as I can do, or he will expect from me, who am a perfect Recluse, and see nobody but at Chapel. He seems to have met with good Encouragement, the Speaker having given him leave to dedicate one of his Books to him*, and Mr. Benson for the other†. These are Men of Interest, and will I hope enable him to go through with his Books.

I should have been glad to have seen you at Cambridge, but we must all give Way to Business, so I wish you Success in your Tithes.

And the last Letter he ever received from him was dated from Cambridge, Feb. 9, 1739, thanking him for a kind Present of Mountain Wine, which he had just received by the Carrier from London, with a Letter from the Merchant, signifying from whom it came. "Had he said no-"thing, I should have presumed it to have come "from my best Friend, of whose overflowing "Kindness, I have had such Experience already, "without any other Return than dry and barren "Thanks. That Return I must make at present, "and with my humble Service to your Lady, "wishing her and you Health in this severe and "trying Weather, I am, &c."

Mr.

* New Memoirs of the Life and Poetical Works of Mr. John Milton, dedicated to the right honourable Arthur Onslow Esq. Speaker of the House of Commons in 4to, 1740.

† Memoirs of the Life and Actions of Oliver Cromwell, dedicated to Mr. Auditor Benson, 4to, 1740.

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Mr. Baker now began to find himſelf declining apace, and therefore thought it adviſeable to make his Will on 15th of October 1739, wherein he obligingly remembered many of his Friends, beſides his valuable Legacies to the Lord Oxford, his College, and the Univerſity of Cambridge. On which Account, as well as for the religious and pious Strain in which it is drawn up, it deſerves a Place in the Appendix.

He did not long ſurvive this, but died on 2d July, 1740, of a Paralytic Stroke, much lamented by his Friends; as will appear, from the few following Extracts of Letters on that Occaſion to Dr. Grey.

Camb. Jan. 29, 1740.

Dear Sir,

I have juſt Time to acquaint you, that our worthy Friend Mr. Baker, was yeſterday ſeized with a Paralytic Diſorder, which has been increaſing ever ſince, and it is the Opinion of every Body, that he cannot be of long Continuance. I thought this Advertiſement due to you, as you will be ſo great a Sharer in the common Concern. I am Dear Sir,

Your moſt obedient and moſt obliged
humble Servant,
James Tunſtal[q].

Mr.

[q] He was Fellow and Tutor of St. John's College, Orator of the Univerſity, and afterwards Chaplain to the ABp. of Canterbury.

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Mr. Burton, Mr. Baker's Couſin, is here with his Nephew Mr. Baker, who was admitted Fellow Commoner the Day before this Diſaſter happened.

And the late very worthy Dr. William Warren, Preſident of Trinity Hall, thus expreſſes himſelf in a Letter likewiſe to Dr. Grey on that Occaſion.

' Dear Sir,

" I preſume you have already heard of Sir John Hatton's Death[r]; but perhaps it may be News to you to be told, that on Wedneſday laſt, the Reverend, learned, pious, conſciencious, and judicious Antiquary, Thomas Baker, B. D, departed this Life in his own Chamber. He was found lying on the Floor, in a Paralytical Diſorder, two or three Days before he died."

Trin. Hall, July 4, 1740.

Dr. Sam. Knight, Archdeacon of Berkſhire, and Prebendary of Ely, thus ſpeaks of him in a Letter to the ſame of Sep 4, 1741.

" I much lament (as I am ſure you do) the Loſs of our worthy Friend Mr. Baker. This alone will render Cambridge leſs agreeable to you."

He bequeathed by Will to his Friend Dr. Grey, his Pictures

[r] Bart. of Long Stanton, Cambridgeſhire.

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Pictures and Prints unbequeathed, which upon the Doctor's enquiring after, gave Occaſion to the following Letter from Dr. Williams.

Dear Sir,

"You receive with this, the Catalogue which you deſired; I believe one of the Anonymous is Dr. Corbett, which is bequeathed to Dr. Dickens for his College. There are ſeveveral looſe unframed Prints, and two Books of Prints. Mr. Richd. Burton deſires your Opinion, whether you think theſe fall within the Conſtruction of that Clauſe, that relates to you, being determined to execute his Uncle's Will, to the beſt of his Knowledge and Information." Dr. Grey had likewiſe written to Mr. Burton, a Letter of conſolatory Compliments upon this Occaſion, to which he received the ſubſequent Anſwer.

Rev. Sir,

"Your Letter of Condolence upon the Death of my Uncle is extremely kind, in whom I have not only loſt a moſt obliging Friend and near Relation, but muſt bear a Share alſo of the Loſs ſuſtained by the Publick.

"Should any ſuch Papers as you enquire after, come to my Hands, they ſhall certainly be communicated to you: but I am inclined to think,

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that moſt of Value are diſpoſed of with his Manuſcript Collections, which ſeem to be ſtuffed with looſe Papers and Letters. Of theſe XXIII Volumes Folio are bequeathed to Lord Oxford, XV Folios and III Quarto Volumes to the Univerſity Library*, to the College Library, all ſuch Books, printed or Manuſcript, as he had, and were wanting there. From whence the College ſeems to claim every Book in my Uncle's Study, of which they have not the ſame Edition, which in my Opinion is extending the Words a little too far: but I never heard that they claimed any Prints, in which I apprehend you have miſtaken Dr. Williams meaning: Prints bound we look upon to be out of the Queſtion. The looſe Prints which I found in a Box, are what are reckoned doubtful, for the Words, all Prints undiſpoſed of, are very expreſs, yet I think the following Words for the Ornament of his Houſe, ſeem to aſſign the Uſe; but in this you ſhall be your own Chancellor, nor will I ſeek or accept of any Other, and they ſhall be all ready to be delivered to your Orders at your own Time; for they are no ſort of Trouble or Inconvenience to me where they are. Your kind Offer of a Copy of my Uncle's Picture, I thankfully

* A Grace for the proper Diſpoſal of which, and for the placing his Name in the Commemoration Book amongſt the Benefactors to the Publick Library, was paſſed in the Senate on 30 Dec, 1740, which ſhall have a Place in the Appendix.

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fully accepted, and accordingly employed Mr. Ritz to go to work upon it, but I find ſome Difficulty in coming at the Picture, &c.

Your moſt faithful humble Servant,

R. Burton.

Camb. July 19, 1740.

P. S. If you know any Inſtances of Legacies left to the College, and how they have been determined, or have at any Time heard my Uncle declare his Deſire therein, I ſhall be very thankful for an Account of what you have heard, My View in diſputing any Clauſe of the Will, being only to come at the Knowledge of his Intention, and to purſue that wherever I can find it.

In another of 5th Aug.

——— "He complains, that the College Legacy ſtill kept him cloſely confined there, though he ſhould be very glad to be releaſed, having ſuch a whimſical crazy Conſtitution to deal with, that it was dangerous to truſt himſelf ſo far from Home, when the Winter approaches[t]."

After Mr. Burton's return Home he had again Occaſion to write to Dr. Grey, concerning the diſpoſal and Value of Mr. Baker's Books, which Mr.

[t] See this Letter more at large in Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 617.

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Mr. George Baker had ſome Diſpoſition to purchaſe and preſerve in Memory of his Uncle, but was then obliged to make uſe of another Hand, having no uſe of his own, it having been for a Month or more bound faſt in Miſery and Flannel, and adds, as ſoon as I am able to write, I will deſire Dr. Williams to look out Spelman's Gloſſary, which you will give me leave to beg a Place for in your Study, where I ſhall be proud to have it preſerved, as a Memorial of our common Friend, and a mark of that Eſteem with which I am

Your moſt faithful and obliged humble Servant,

Rich. Burton.

Elamore Hall, Jan. 17, 1740.

This worthy Gentleman died not long after, as appears by a Letter of Dr. Williams dated Mar. 4, 1740.

Mr. Burton Mr. Baker's Nephew died at Durham about ten Days ago, and if you will return the Catalogue of Mr. Baker's Books by Mr. H—— with your Opinion of the Value, it may be of Service to Mr. G. Baker, who I believe will purchaſe them of Mr. Burton's Adminiſtrator, for it is feared he died Inteſtate[a] ——

When Dr. Grey was collecting Materials for an Account

[a] The reſidue of the Books, that were not put into the College Library, came into the Hands of Mr. Thurlbourne, Bookſeller at Cambridge, and were ſold there by Auction

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Account of Mr. Baker, he got ſome Friends to apply to Dr. Bedford[x] for that purpoſe, who accordingly favoured him with the following Particulars in a Letter of 27 July, 1755. —

" Dr. Sharp, at the Deſire of your Brother at Newcaſtle, applied to me for any Particulars which I might have concerning Mr. Baker. Dr. Hunter alſo ſhewed a Letter from you to the ſame Effect.

I acquainted him with every Body I could think had any thing, and am a good deal ſurprized that Mr. Crow ſhould have nothing material, for he married one of Mr. Burton's Siſters, and immediately was poſſeſſed of every thing at Mr. Burton's Death, he dying inteſtate. I will now give you an Account of Mr. Baker's Death, being at that Time at Cambridge; and attended him with Dr. Heberden. " In the Afternoon being alone in his Chamber, he was ſtruck with a ſlight apoplectick Fit, which abating a little, he recovered his Senſes, knew all about him[y], and ſeemed perfectly ſatisfied and reſigned. When the Doctors deſired him to take ſome Medicine they ſhould order, he declined it, ſaying, he would only take his uſual Suſtenance, which his Bedmaker knew the Time and Quantity of giving; he was thankful for the affectionate Care his Friends

[x] A Phyſician at Durham, a Relation, and formerly of the College.

[y] His Nephew Burton, Drs. Bedford and Heberden.

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Friends ſhewed towards him, but hoped the Time of his Diſſolution was at hand, and would by no Means endeavour to retard it. His Diſorder increaſed, and the third Day from the Seizure he departed[y]. His accuſtomed Regularity, and abſtemious Way of Living, had, one would have imagined, been a Security from a Diſorder of this Nature, though when perhaps it did come, rendered him the leſs able to ſtruggle with it. But it happened at the very Time, his great Nephew the preſent Mr. Baker, of Crook, was juſt come from Eton School to be admitted at St. John's. Upon which Occaſion, beſides the great Joy he expreſſed in ſeeing him, he frequented Company more than uſual, and had Entertainments in his own Chambers (what he very rarely practiced on any Account) ſo that this unuſual Hurry, deſtroyed that Æquilibrium of Spirits, his wonted Tranquility kept up; and like any other violent Exceſs, proved too much for him to bear.

I recollect it always as one of the moſt fortunate Incidents of my Life; that I happened to be thrown in the Way at this Time, both as I had an Opportunity of ſeeing my much honoured and great Friend in his laſt Minutes, as alſo of having an Occaſion of exerting myſelf in his

[y] A more particular Account of his Illneſs and Death obligingly communicated by Dr. Heberden, will be inſerted in the Appendix.

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his Service, who when I was a Student, had left no Act of Friendſhip or Relation undone towards me. Next, I am extremely glad of this farther and publick Opportunity of owning the great Obligations and Honour I had, in being known to, and in my youth regarded by ſo great and learned a Man, ſo kind and an affectionate a Relation. —— In a ſubſequent Letter of 28th September following, he farther acquaints him that Mr. Crow ſays, "he has no Letters, &c. among Mr. Baker's Papers relating to him at all. That he had ſome he let Mr. Smith, of Burne Hall ſee, but they being as was thought, of no Account, were deſtroyed in Mr. Burton's Houſe, where they were uſed by the Servants as waſte Paper. Two Things Mr. Crow has, one the Deed to the College concerning the Exhibitions, of which the College muſt have a Counterpart. The other the Inſtrument, drawn for creating our Friend, Chaplain to Lord Crewe; and what is remarkable in it, 'tis in the Month and Year of the Revolution, and I ſuppoſe rejected by him; for the Day is left blank, and the whole not ſubſcribed by his Lordſhip.

Dr. Grey wrote alſo to Mr. Geo. Baker, to make the like Enquiries, to which he received the following Anſwer. "Sometime ſince I did myſelf the Pleaſure of anſwering your obliging Letter, and am ſorry to find it has not reached your

your Hands. In it I acquainted you that I have made diligent Search after the Effects and Papers my Uncle left, but can find none, as I believe they were all consumed after Mr. Burton's Death, by an Accident, when in his Brother Crow's Custody, so that I am afraid, I can give you no Light whatsoever of his Correspondence or Life. I am greatly obliged to you for your kind Intention of perpetuating the Memory of my Uncle, and am

Yours, &c.

Sep. 18, 1755. George Baker.

In relation to a Monument, Mr. B—— says positively, that the old Gentleman forbad any such to be erected in his Will. The words of the Will however are only "as to my Funeral I am not sollicitous; I desire nothing but Christian Burial;" so that a plain Stone, with a short and modest Inscription at the least, might have been laid over him, either by his Relations, or the College, with the greatest Propriety, and had his Executor Mr. Burton, survived him long, it is probable from his Character, that a decent Monument to his Uncle's Memory, which he much revered, would not have been neglected. The latter part of Bp. Scougall's Character upon his Monument, would have exactly suited that of Mr. Baker.

—Omni Eloquio dignus, utpote pie pacificus,

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modeſte prudens, Eruditæ probitatis decus et exemplar: nec morosè gravis, nec ſuperbè doctus[z].

And I cannot help adding, that I think its having been not hitherto done, ſhews a Want of proper reſpect to his Memory; as in a very few Years the Place of his Interment, (on the North Side of the Antechapel, near the Monument of Archdeacon Aſheton, on whoſe Foundation, he had been both Scholar and Fellow) may be forgotten, although his Name never can, whilſt any of the many Works of Literature, he aſſiſted in communicating to the Publick, ſhall remain[a].

He died on the ſecond Day of July, in 1740, in the 84th Year of his Age, and was attended by the Society, as uſual, at his Funeral ſoon after: when an Oration was made over him by Mr. Clarke one of the Fellows[b]; wherein the Loſs of ſo valuable a Perſon to the Republick of Letters, the Univerſity and College was juſtly lamented.

The following Account of him in a printed Paper drawn up by a Member of the College, and

[z] Monteith's Theatre of Mortality, p. 80.

[a] And that it could not be his Intention to forbid any kind of a Monument, I think farther appears, from his having erected one in the Chancel of the Great Church of Kingſton upon Hull, to the Memory of his Grandfather Sir George Baker above mentioned, at no ſmall Expence; whoſe Remains, deſerving as he was of a better Fate, laid there unregarded above forty Years. Upon this he placed an Inſcription given at length in the Append. See Gent's Hiſt. of Kingſton, p. 23.

[b] See a full Account of this Ceremony, by Mr. Wm. Cole of King's College, in a Letter to Dr. Grey in the Append.

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and prefixed to the Books given by him to the Library, may ſerve inſtead of a Monument.

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Ex dono
Viri Reverendi Thomæ Baker, S.T.B.
Qui olim fuerat hujus Collegii Socius,
Poſtea vero, ex Senatus Conſulto ejectus,
In his Ædibus Hoſpes conſenuit,
Vitæ integritate et fama,
Quam ex Antiquitatis ſtudio conſecutus erat
celeberrimus.

Nothing now remains, but before I conclude theſe Memoirs, to ſpeak ſomewhat of the Character of the worthy Subject of them, as well as of the Friends with whom he was immediately connected in the Univerſity, in the latter part of his Life.

Dr. Warburton, afterwards Bp. of Glouceſter, who was not diſpoſed to flatter any one, thus ſpeaks of him, "Good old Mr. Baker of St. "John's has indeed been very obliging. The "People of St. John's almoſt adore the Man; "for as there is much in him to eſteem, much "to pity, and nothing (but his Virtue and "Learning) to envy, he has all the Juſtice at "preſent done him, that few people of Merit "have till they are dead[c].

And

[c] See Warburtoniana, in Maty's new Review, p. 144.

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And Dr. I. Green late Bp. of Lincoln, who lived many Years with him in the ſame College, in a Letter to the Editor, ſays, " that although he had " no Intercourſe with him, yet he had a general " Knowledge of his great Civility, his gentle and " affable Behaviour to all, and that maſterly Skill " in all matters of Antiquity, for which he was " ſo much celebrated and conſulted.

He was, I am informed, by one who knew him well, of an eaſy and polite Addreſs, inſomuch that he might have been thought to have been educated in a Court, had not his Sincerity been ſuch, that it might reaſonably be judged he never ſaw one, and of conſequence avoided all the Inconveniences of ſuch a kind of Life.

His Converſation was lively and yet grave, chearful and yet ſerious: ſomething inſtructive and agreeable was ever dropping from his Lips, but nothing trifling or cenſorious, was ever known to proceed thence.

As his Studies were employed both in Divinity and Humanity, and he withal made Chriſtianity his conſtant Practice, that which had taken firm Poſſeſſion of his heart, occaſionally flowed from his Mouth; and as every one was ſatisfied of his invincible Integrity, the uſeful Hints ſuggeſted in common Converſation had a ſuitable Influence upon their Minds: Inſomuch that every one who had the Pleaſure of his Company, muſt be high-

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ly ſatisfied with the Man, and go out of it, a better Man himſelf.

And when he formerly apppeared in the Pulpit, the Sentiments of an honeſt Heart, recommended by good Senſe, Learning and a graceful Addreſs, could not fail of having a proper Effect upon every candid and unprejudiced Hearer.

As to his Literature, the Compilers of the Biograph. Britan. in their Preface thus ſpeak of him, after mentioning Wood's Athenæ Oxon. &c. It was once hoped we ſhould have ſeen the like Attention ſhewn, towards the learned Men educated at Cambridge, and had the Work been executed, as it was at firſt deſigned, by the late reverend and excellent Mr. Baker, it muſt have been a maſterly Performance, ſince, with all the Care and Induſtry of Wood, he had a fine Genius, and wrote a moſt correct Style; equally removed from the ſtarched Setneſs of a ſententious Writer, and from that luxuriancy that produces long and languid Periods. But beſides all theſe, he had ſtill greater Qualities, ſuch as Calmneſs of Mind, Candour of Heart, and a moſt unſuſpected Integrity. We may juſtly therefore regret the Loſs of ſuch a Work, from ſuch a Man. p. xi.

His Life was in every reſpect irreproachable, his Converſation entertaining and improving; his Manner extremely agreeable; his Countenance pleaſing

pleaſing and venerable! and whenever he vouchſafed to ſpeak upon any Subject, within the compaſs of his Knowledge (and he never went out of it) it was ſure to loſe no Advantage thereby. With ſo many excellent Qualifications and Advantages, there were no Shades in his Character, but what tended rather to add greater Beauty to the whole. Some who ſtudied Politicks more than Caſuiſtry, might poſſibly call the exactneſs of his Judgment in queſtion, in reſpect to his ſtrong Attachments to the Party he had made choice of; but even that muſt raiſe our Idea of his inflexible Goodneſs and Integrity.

He lived in Times, when the Notions of Regal Power, were raiſed much above thoſe of our preſent Conſtitution; and as Politicks were never his favourite Study, he only conſidered the ſacredneſs of an Oath (as many worthy Men among his Fellow-ſufferers did in like Manner) which in general it is certain, will admit of no Sort of Diſpenſation, and the deteſtable Sin of Perjury, with all its dreadful Conſequences; and being bound to that deluded and unfortunate Prince, K. James, by an Oath, which in his Judgment appeared to be indiſpenſable, when the Revolution was brought about, in adherence to his former Principles, which would not permit him to transfer his Allegiance, he relinquiſhed, not only his Living in the Biſhoprick of Durham, but

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with it all his future Proſpects in Life, which from his Situation muſt have been very great, to ſecure a quiet Conſcience in a peaceable Retirement from the World: the ſtrongeſt Inſtance he could poſſibly give of his Sincerity, whatever it may be thought, of his Prudence and Diſcretion.

With this civil Miſtake (for which every candid Perſon will be diſpoſed to make all reaſonable Allowance) he was not in the leaſt inclined to another of an Eccleſiaſtical kind; nor do I believe he would have been that Way diſpoſed, had he continued in full Power with his Dioceſan.

The late reverend and learned Mr William Whiſton, in his Memoirs[4] aſſures us, that Bp. Lloyd told him, "that after the Aſſaſſination Plot in 1696, the Odium of which was ſo great, that not a Jacobite would have remained in the Nation, had not the extreme Rigour of the following Act, againſt thoſe that would not ſign an Aſſociation, kept up the Spirit of Oppoſition to the Government ever afterward; which puts me in mind of the like caſe of two of the Non-jurors of St. John's College, Cambridge, Mr. Billers and Mr. Baker, who loved their Religion and their Country, as well as any Jurors whatever: but having once taken an Oath to K. James, could not ſatisfy their Conſciences in breaking it, whilſt he lived, for any Conſideration whatever.

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[4] Firſt Edition, p. 32.

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Theſe two were long my particular Acquaintance: and I well remember, that when K. James died, they began to deliberate about taking the Oaths and coming into the Government, till the Abjuration Oath, unfortunately in that reſpect, was to be taken."

And this ſame Mr. Whiſton (to whoſe Teſtimony a much greater regard is to be had than to his Judgment,) when he had once eſpouſed an Opinion, was ſo ſanguine (although probably at the ſame Time ſincere) that he imagined all Friends who did not contradict him, were in the ſame Way of thinking with himſelf: had publiſhed a ſmall Tract, in Vindication of the Genuineneſs of the Apoſtolical Conſtitutions, which although containing many excellent Things, conformable to the Doctrines of the Apoſtles and Opinions of their Succeſſors, yet at the ſame Time are intermixt with many Heretical Interpolations, of much later Date than he aſſigns them. And here he has introduced Mr. Billers and Mr. Baker (in Company indeed with ABp. Sharpe, Bps. Smallridge, Hoadly, Bradford, &c.) as being of the ſame Opinion, as may be ſeen more at large in his Memoirs, they having been amongſt the Friends he moſt familiarly converſed with at Cambridge, whilſt he was examining the Primitive Faith and the Apoſtolical Conſtitutions. Now this Intimacy with theſe two Gentlemen,

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men, gave Occaſion to a Report, that they were of his Opinion, as appears from a Letter of Mr. Baker to Mr. Whiſton[e] of 29th Nov, 1710, to the following Purport. "Dr. O——[f] makes a Noiſe "in the Coffee Houſes, that you had given out, "that Mr. Billers and I, were of your Opinion, "which though I don't believe, having always "reſerved myſelf, till I ſaw the Strength of what "could be ſaid in your Books and the Anſwers, "yet it makes as much Noiſe as if it was true.

"I am dear Sir,

"Your moſt obedient humble Servant

"Thomas Baker."

This I think fully clears Mr. Baker's and Mr. Billers's Characters on this Head, who could not be hindered, as he ſuſpects many others were, by worldly Motives, from declaring their Opinions.

He publiſhed not many Books himſelf indeed, yet thoſe he did publiſh, ſhew a maſterly Hand, and are truly valuable. But his principal Labour was beſtowed in doing honour to his Country, by ſearching out its moſt valuable Antiquities; in which he made ſuch a Progreſs and ſo much excelled, that many learned Men, who were well able to judge of his Abilities, willingly offered him that tribute of Praiſe, ſo juſtly due to his Merit.

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[e] See the Life of Dr. Clarke, p. 22,3.

[f] Probably Dr. Otway, Fellow of St. John's College.

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By his great Knowledge in Engliſh Hiſtory and Antiquities, he was enabled to enlighten the darkeſt and moſt obſcure Paſſages in both, as hath appeared from many Parts of the foregoing Memoirs. But nothing could better manifeſt his great Reading, extenſive Knowledge and accurate Judgment, than the large and curious Obſervations he made upon thoſe Books he vouchſafed to read with Attention[t], and which are by that Means become truly valuable. And ſuch are thoſe more eſpecially bequeathed by Will to the Univerſity, and private Friends, all noted with his own Hand. A Collection, extracted from which, by a Perſon of Judgment might probably be of great Uſe to the Publick, and it is hoped will ſome Time or other be accordingly made. Theſe, with the large MS. Collections he left behind him (a Catalogue of which, copied in part from Dr. Middleton's, will be hereunto annexed) ſhew what great Things may be accompliſhed, by a Perſon of Induſtry and Application, during a long Life, and how every portion of his Time may be employed in uſeful Enquiries.

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[t] In a Note by T. F. in the Anecdotes of Bowyer, Mr. Baker's Obſervations in his Books are repreſented as trifling, and that too from his not having wrote Notes on Taylor's Lyſias, whereas his Notes were generally of a Biographical Nature, and related either to the Life of the Author, or ſome Account of the Book; and theſe too, if I am not miſtaken much to the Purpoſe, as may be ſeen in thoſe prefixed to Smith's Catal. Libror. MSS. Biblioth. Cotton. in the Append. inſerted there with ſome others as a Specimen, to obviate this Objection.

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I have already mentioned his Act of parental Piety, in erecting a Monument to the Memory of his Grandfather: nor was he leſs inclinable to general Acts of Charity and Beneficence: as far as his ſlender Income would enable him. His particular Regard to his own College, was fully manifeſted in the following Inſtances.

Being appointed one of the Executors of his eldeſt Brother's Will, whereby a large Sum was bequeathed to charitable Uſes, he prevailed with the other Truſtees, the Hon. Charles Montague, of Eſington, in the County of Northumberland, Eſquire, and Francis Baker, of Whicham, in the Biſhoprick of Durham, Gent. to lay out 1310 £. (and it is ſuppoſed he added ſomething of his own) in the Purchaſe of an Eſtate, to be veſted in the College, for the Maintenance of Scholars therein. The Indenture for theſe Exhibitions bears Date 5 May, 1710. The Number of them is ſix, and the right of diſpoſal of them was reſerved to himſelf during his Life, and afterwards veſted in the Maſter and the eight ſenior Fellows of the College.

He likewiſe gave an Hundred Pounds to the College, reſerving only the uſual Intereſt, at the Time he gave it, to himſelf for Life, with ſeveral choice Books both MS. and printed, with Coins and Medals to the Library, beſides thoſe he bequeathed by his Will, which were not a few:

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and moſt of thoſe rendered very valuable, for his Notes and Obſervations upon them.

He was alſo, it is ſaid, greatly inſtrumental in raiſing the Sum of 200*l*. for procuring Queen Ann's Bounty, towards the Augmentation of the Living of his native Pariſh of Lancheſter, which he thought ſtood in need of ſuch an Addition.

Nor was his Charity in other Reſpects leſs remarkable; he was of ſo benevolent a Diſpoſition, that he judged favourably of every one, till he found ſufficient Reaſon for altering his Opinion. And ſo far was he from treating any Man with Contempt and Inſolence, or injuring any one's Reputation, that he choſe willingly to allow him a greater degree of Eſteem, than he could fairly claim, rather than deny him any Part of the Reſpect that was really his due.

And though, as we obſerved before, the Loſs of his Fellowſhip gave him real Concern, and his Circumſtances, before but ſtrait, were thereby much reduced, yet he ſtill retained a chearful Diſpoſition, and the Principles of Chriſtianity were ſo thoroughly implanted in his Mind, that the Loſs of no earthly Thing, could rob him of that Contentment and Conſolation, a quiet Conſcience affords. He was always uniformly diſpoſed to conform to the Allotments of Providence, whether proſperous, as at the beginning of Life, or adverſe, as towards the latter end, and not

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more desirous of improving the one, to the Honour of the Donor, than of patiently acquiescing under the other, to testify his Submission.

And such was his Attachment to Religion, and its several Offices (at which he regularly attended whilst able) that I doubt not he made it his constant Care, and the chief Business of his Life, to prepare for Death; which, had he not been seized with a Disorder, that deprived him in some Measure of his Senses, would have appeared, in a far different Light to him than to the generality of Mankind; and though Nature might have been disposed to recoil, yet would he, as indeed he did, without the least Alarm submit, with the greatest Calmness and Composure.

A man thus humane, courteous and beneficent; ever disposed to live in Harmony and Unanimity with others, cannot well be supposed to have had many Enemies, since it must have been difficult for them to have found any Occasion of Quarrel, and therefore he was the most likely Man living to enjoy Peace and Quiet, whilst others were embroiled; yet when others broke their Words with, or attempted to deceive him, he could not help shewing some degree of Resentment. So remarkably punctual was he to his Word and Promise, that he was not a little hurt at the Want of it in others. His Hours of

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Repoſe and Refreſhment were ſo regular, and his Attachment to his Studies ſuch (all the Reſidue of his Time being ſo employed) that any Interruptions therein were very diſpleaſing. No Man paid a greater regard to real Merit, whenever he became acquainted with it, but he was not given to flatter thoſe whoſe Pride taught them to form high Conceits of their ſuperiour Abilities, and ſo were diſpoſed to look upon that as a Neglect, which was never intended as ſuch; to whom an Omiſſion in a Punctilio of Reſpect, is a high Provocation, and a Crime ſcarcely to be forgiven. Perſons of this Character he induſtriouſly avoided, and therefore it is not to be wondered at, they ſhould be diſſatisfied with him[h].

In ſhort, ſuch were Mr. Baker's Talents and his modeſt Opinion of himſelf, that I cannot better conclude his Character, than in the Words of Mr. Nelſon upon Bp. Bull, none being more ſuitable and expreſſive of it,

"Amidſt

[h] Mr. Baker was generally allowed to be one of the moſt exact Copiers of original Papers, and yet I find Mr. Bennet, the late Editor of Mr. Aſcham's Engliſh Works, after the Obligations he was under to him, for preſerving ſome of his Letters to private Friends, which he had tranſcribed into his 16th Vol. p. 275, is pleaſed to obſerve in a Note at the bottom of p. 369, that theſe Letters are unſkilfully tranſcribed, ſo that proper "Names are not always recoverable." Whereas their being copied from the Original according to the old Way of ſpelling, is what I preſume has offended our modern Editor, although therein conſiſt their greateſt Merit. His Note upon Touch of Creſt in the following Page ſeems to be very trifling, ſince the Writer's meaning ſeems to be only, that the Bird could ſwallow a Penny Loaf without any trouble, or ſhaking of his Creſt. See beginning of Vol. I.

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"Amidſt all thoſe extraordinary Talents, with which God had bleſſed him, it never appeared that he ever valued himſelf, or deſpiſed others. For though his natural Endowments were of no ordinary Size, and were wonderfully improved by Study and Application, his great Learning was tempered with that modeſt and humble Opinion of it, that it thereby ſhined with greater Luſtre[i]."

His Picture was purchaſed out of Lord Oxford's Collection, by Dr. Rawlinſon, and placed by him in the Picture Gallery at Oxford. Charles Bridges, pinxit memoriter, and a Mezzotinto Print was done from it by J. Simon. And Mr. Virtue on going to Cambridge, had been privately engaged to draw by ſtealth, the Portrait of old Mr. Tho. Baker, of St. John's then an eminent Antiquary, earlier in his Life the modeſt Author of that ingenious and poliſhed little piece, Reflections on Learning[k].

I ſhall now proceed to ſay ſomething of his Friends and Acquaintance in the Univerſity, more particularly of thoſe of the latter Part of his Life, being not ſo well acquainted with thoſe in the former. And at the Head of theſe may juſtly be placed the Earl of Oxford, ſo famed for his moſt excellent

[i] Life of Bp. Bull, p. 480.

[k] Walpole's Life of Virtue, p. 259. His Arms, on a Letter to Mr. Williams were, on a Saltire engrailed 5 Eſcallops, no Colours expreſſed.

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excellent Collection of Books and MSS, then depoſited at Wimple in this Neighbourhood, the uſual Place of his Reſidence; from whence he frequently viſited his Friends at Cambridge, and in particular Mr. Baker, for whom he always teſtified the higheſt Regard; and indeed often ſhewed it, not only by frequent Viſits, and moſt obliging Correſpondence, but by generous preſents of Wine, &c. (for I am told he would receive no others) In Return for which Favours, Mr. Baker bequeathed to him the larger Sharer of his valuable MSS, after having given him all the Aſſiſtance he was able, in making that extraordinary Collection. A ſubſtantial proof of his Gratitude, which would have been exceeded by no one, had his Circumſtances correſponded with his liberal Diſpoſition. This Nobleman's Attachment to Literature, the indefatigable Pains he took, and the large Sums he expended in making the above Collection, are too well known, to ſtand in need of any farther Notice, than that of Mich. Mattaire, in the Dedication of the Catalogue of the printed Books to Lord Carteret, in the following Words. "Comes Ille Oxonienſis, inſignis apud probos omnes et eruditos domi foriſque, undecunque corradi poſſint, paſſim perquiſitas, magnis ſumptibus, Induſtria ſingulari, ſtudioque indefeſſo, in hanc congeſſit." And in that large one of MSS, now happily depoſited in the Britiſh Muſeum,

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where all Men of Literature, may not only have free Acceſs to, but the moſt comfortable Accommodations for their Peruſal and Application. As to other Parts of this Lord's Character, Family Connections, &c. they are to be met with in the Peerage, and elſwhere, to which I ſhall rather chooſe to refer the Reader, than enlarge upon them here.

As Mr. Baker had for many Years before his Death, been almoſt a Recluſe, and ſeldom went farther than the College Walks, unleſs to a Coffee Houſe in an Evening, after Chapel, where he commonly ſpent an Hour with great Chearfulneſs, in converſing with a ſelect Number of his Friends and Acquaintance, chiefly upon literary Subjects; I ſhall here take the Liberty of giving a ſhort Account of ſome of them.

Dr. Francis Dickens, Fellow of Trinity Hall, was one of theſe, who took the Degree of LL.B. in 1704, and had that of A.M. confer'd upon him by Mandate in 1710, in order to enable him to take the Proctorſhip, upon a Devolution to that College by the Death of Mr. Fran. Turner, A.M. Fellow of King's College, for the Remainder of that Year[1], which Office was in like Manner confer'd upon him again, on the Death of

[1] This Office comes regularly to this College, only once in fifty Years, (I ſuppoſe by Reaſon of their being all Civilians, except two Fellows) unleſs in Caſes of Death, when it always devolves to that Houſe.

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of Mr. John Bagnell, A.M. of Jeſus College, in the following. This Office, according to his uſual Humanity, he is ſaid to have executed with great Lenity and Tenderneſs, and therein to have copied Bp. Sanderſon's Conduct, when Fellow of Lincoln College, in Oxford, in 1615, as related in his Life by Walton.

He proceeded LL.D. in 1714, and upon the Death of Dr. Ayloffe, was ſoon after appointed Regius Profeſſor of Civil Law, in Oppoſition to Dr. Audley, in Favour of whom a Petition had been ſent up to the Queen, ſigned by the Vice-chancellor and many of the Heads[m], but the Intereſt of his Brother, Mr. Dickens, Serjeant Surgeon to the Queen, prevailed.

He was a Perſon, not only well eſteemed for his Learning in general, and extraordinary Attainments in his Profeſſion, but beloved by all who knew him, for his ſweetneſs of Diſpoſition, and uncommon Degree of Humanity. No Profeſſor, I may venture to ſay, from the Foundation, ever made a greater Figure in the Chair, and few I believe have equalled him. His Command in the pureſt Latin Tongue, placed him upon a Level in that Reſpect, with two of our moſt celebrated Profeſſors of Divinity, Dr. Beaumont and Dr. James, the one Maſter of Peterhouſe, and the other of Queen's College; and was not ſup-

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[m] Mar. 21, 1714.

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poſed to fall greatly ſhort of them, in Knowledge of the Queſtions and Management of the Diſputations. And his Determinations upon ſome of the Queſtions that came before him, were ſo excellent, that they were much attended to and admired; and an eminent Divine, has been heard to declare more than once, there were ſome Paſſages in St. Paul's Epiſtles, he could not comprehend, till he heard them explained by him, in the moſt ſatisfactory Manner, from the Roman Laws. Yet ſuch were his great Modeſty and Humility, that he ordered them all to be burnt before his Death, to the unſpeakable Loſs of ſuch, as purpoſe to make the Civil Law, their principal Study.

No one, I will venture to aſſert, was better qualified for the Inſtruction of Youth, as having joyned to his natural Sweetneſs of Temper, and great Knowledge in Literature, a happy Manner of communicating it. And wherein he ſpared neither Pains nor Labour, in inſtructing both his own Pupils, and thoſe who attended his Courſe of Lectures; ſo that where Capacity, or Attention were not wanting, they were enabled to keep Exerciſe under him to advantage, and when they did ſo, were ſure of meeting with his publick Approbation. In Confirmation of which, a Gentleman who attended a young Baronet abroad, to the Law Lectures of that celebrated Profeſſor, Barbeyrac, at Lauſanne, has been heard confidently

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to aſſert, that Dr. Dickens had ſuch a happy Way of expreſſing himſelf, and explaining every Thing in the Civil Law, that his Pupils might learn more from his Lectures in a Week, than from Barbeyrac's in a Month.

To this I may add, his uncommon Degree of Generoſity, well known to all his Friends and Acquaintance, and particularly experienced by ſuch as kept Exerciſe under him, and whoſe Circumſtances gave them any Claim to it. By ſuch Acts of Bounty, he greatly leſſened his annual Income; which from his Paternal Eſtate, Profeſſorſhip, Fellowſhip and Pupils was very conſiderable. Nay had he lived to have enjoyed a large Eſtate in Suffolk, left him by a remote Relation, after the Deceaſe of his Widow, 'tis probable, a good Part of it would have been employed in Acts of Benevolence, and ſuch like good Works. But his Death which happened in 17— prevented any ſuch Application, and gave an Opportunity to Ambroſe Dickens, Eſq. his worthy Nephew, of Wollaſton, in Northamptonſhire, to ſtand in his Room.

Dr. William Baker, ſenior Fellow and Dean of St. John's College, was another of his Friends, whom he uſed to meet at the ſame Place. A Man of great Learning and Probity, but reckoned rigorous in the Execution of his Office. As it is well known however, that he had both the Intereſt

eſt of the College, and of the Youth at heart, ſo he often received Thanks, from ſuch as he had animadverted upon in the moſt ſevere Manner, when they conſidered the real Service he had done them, by his well intended and timely Admonitions.

Dr. Conyers Middleton[a], Principal Librarian of the Univerſity of Cambridge, was another of the ſame Party. A Perſon well known to the learned World, as an accompliſhed Gentleman and a Polite Scholar. His Life of Cicero, Book of Genuine Antiquities, and many other Pieces, were received by the Publick with the higheſt Applauſe; and had he conſidered the Imperfections of human Learning (without the Aid and Aſſiſtance of divine Revelation) a little more, no one would have appeared to greater advantage, amongſt Men of Letters. He gave great Offence, it is certain, by ſome of his Writings, both to the Publick, and to ſome of his particular Friends, which brought upon him many Reflections, and put a ſtop to his Preferment: but whatever his real Sentiments of the Chriſtian Religion were, it muſt in Juſtice to him be owned, that he was never heard to ſay any Thing, that in the leaſt tended to its Impeachment or Diſcredit. His Converſation always appeared to be truly Chriſtian, and

[a] See his Life prefixed to his Works in 4 Vols. 4to. and in Biograph. Britan. p. 3092. And Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 125.

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and no Man led a more exemplary Life, nor in his Practice paid a greater Regard to religious Ordinances and Inſtitutions. Such however is the Power of Prejudice, that Mr. Baker himſelf, after his many open Declarations concerning Revelation*, was thought by ſome, to have been infected by the Doctor with the Principles of Infidelity, from frequently converſing with him in this public Way, and in Company with many other learned Perſons of his Acquaintance†. Yea a City Divine, of ſome eminence for Literature, was ſo prejudiced againſt the Doctor, as to ſtyle him in Contempt, the Man of one Syllogiſm, as if incapable of carrying an Argument above that length; when every one who knew him, muſt be fully convinced, that no one was more capable of defending the right Side of a Queſtion than himſelf: and indeed his Writings themſelves, are an ample Atteſtation of this Truth.

Philip Williams, D.D. and ſenior Fellow of St. John's College, another of Mr. Baker's Acquaintance, was an eminent Tutor, publick Orator of the Univerſity, and a good Divine.

He kept the Divinity Act, at the publick Commencement in 1730, and though oppoſed by ſome of

* In his Chapter on Eccleſiaſtical Hiſtory, and elſewhere.

† A Clergyman of the Town, once aſked Dr. Grey if he was not an Infidel, from having heard that he ſpent moſt of his Evenings at the Doctor's Houſe, whereas perhaps he ſcarce ever was there, but uſually met him in publick Company at the Coffee Houſe.

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of the moſt learned Men in the Univerſity, acquitted himſelf with great Credit and Applauſe. He likewiſe diſtinguiſhed himſelf as an Orator, although the Buſineſs of a good one is extremely difficult, and the Requiſites to make one, attainable by few. And his Addreſs in the Pulpit was ſuch, as gave great Advantage to his Sermons, and cauſed him to be an admired Preacher.

James Tunſtal, D.D. Fellow of the College, likewiſe, was a Perſon highly eſteemed, not only for his good Learning, but for the Sweetneſs of his Diſpoſition. As a Pupil Monger, no one took more Pains for the Improvement of ſuch as were placed under his Care; and his Succeſs was, I am told, anſwerable to his warmeſt Wiſhes. As ſenior Dean of the College, the mildneſs of his Reproofs, wrought more upon the Tempers of ſeveral Perſons of ingenuous Minds, than the ſharpeſt Cenſures, or the ſevereſt Diſcipline would have been able to effect.

He appeared with Credit both as a Divine, and publick Orator, but as a Diſputant few were his Equals. He acquired ſuch Applauſe by his Act for his Doctor's Degree, that in my Remembrance no one deſerved more, Dr. Rutherforth, the late learned Profeſſor of Divinity excepted, whoſe Powers were really aſtoniſhing, and whoſe Act probably equalled that of Dr. Clarke recorded in his Life. He wrote a Latin Treatiſe againſt

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Dr. Middleton concerning Cicero's Epiſtles to Atticus, &c. with other Publications, which may be ſeen, with a farther Account of him, in Nichols's Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 351. He was made Chaplain to ABp. Potter, from whom he received ſome conſiderable Preferments, but lived not long to enjoy them.

Though theſe were Mr. Baker's principal Acquaintance, yet were there many others in the Univerſity, for whom he had the higheſt Regard. Amongſt theſe were the reverend and learned Dr. Newcome, late Maſter of the College, and his excellent Lady: who beſides her unuſual Attainments, in ſome uſeful Branches of Science, not attended with the leaſt Vanity or Affectation, was poſſeſſed of every Accompliſhment belonging to her Sex. Of the Favours received from theſe worthy Perſons, he makes honourable Mention in his Will, and of whom more may be ſeen in the Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 17, and elſwhere.

To theſe I may add Mr. Robert Leke, B.D. Fellow of the ſame College, and afterwards Rector of Great-Snoring, in Norfolk; who was generally eſteemed a Man of Learning, and a good Preacher. And the late Mr. Henry Peyton, Fellow Commoner; whoſe good Nature and amiable Diſpoſition juſtly endeared him to all his Acquaintance. Likewiſe the late worthy Dr. William Warren, Preſident of Trinity Hall, Dr.

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Henry Monſon, Fellow of the ſame, and Regius Profeſſor of Law, with the amiable Sir James Burrough; A. M. Succeſſor to Bp. Gooch, in the Maſterſhip of Caius College; whoſe ſocial Diſpoſition, united to a gentlemanlike and polite Behaviour, gained him an univerſal Eſteem.

But he had a greater Regard for no Man, nor did any one better deſerve it, than the learned William Heberden, M.D. of the ſame College, who attended him in his laſt Illneſs, and upon whoſe amiable Character I ſhould gladly have enlarged, had not the ſtricteſt Injunctions been given to the Contrary. Some creditable Particulars however concerning him, are to be met with in the Anecdotes of Bowyer, at p. 26, 488, 641.

The laſt, though not the leaſt of his Friends, whom I ſhall here take Notice of, was Dr. Zachary Grey, the Collector of the Materials of this Life; of whom and his Writings an Account is given in Nichols's Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 354, where he is ſaid to have been of Yorkſhire, admitted Penſioner of Jeſus College, in Cambridge, in 1704, and from thence removed to Trinity Hall, in 1706. He was Rector of Houghton Conqueſt, in Bedfordſhire, where, or at the neighbouring Town of Ampthill, he uſually ſpent the Summer, and reſided at Cambridge in the Winter, where he was Vicar of the Pariſhes of St. Peter and St. Giles. He was, as is there truly aſ-

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ſerted, of a moſt amiable, and communicative Diſpoſition, and never better pleaſed than when performing Acts of Friendſhip and Benevolence. He had ſpent a great deal of Time in reading a large Collection of Books, and publiſhed many more Tracts in Relation to Engliſh Hiſtory, &c. than are enumerated by Mr. Nichols: who introduces the Biſhops Gibſon and Sherlock, as ſpeaking highly in Commendation of him, for his Examination of Neal's Hiſtory of the Puritans. But notwithſtanding his great Application to his Studies, he always appeared lively and chearful, and no Man delighted more in the Company of his Friends, or entertained them in a more hoſpitable and agreeable Manner. In ſhort, he ſeemed to enjoy, all that Eaſe and Happineſs, uſually ariſing from a good Heart, and a contented Mind. *Addenda.*

In the Bodleian Catalogue, at p. 347, is a Book entitled, "Querimonia Johan. Somerſet, de Ingratitudine Univerſitat. Cantab. et ſpecialiter contra ſupremos Socios Coll. Regis, auctore Guil. Worceſter ſive Bottoner cum Obſervationibus Tho. Bakeri de eodem, Oxon. 8vo. 1727." This was publiſhed by his Friend Tho. Hearne, who thus acknowledges his Aſſiſtance, Obſervationes de Joanne Somerſet, ex Epiſtolis quinque ad Editorem datis, in quibus Obſervationibus et notas quaſdam luculentas ſimul et eximias habes,

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et de viro magno et infelici Edmundo Caſtello[q], quas meo rogatu miſit amiciſſimus Bakerus[r].

P. 18. Mr. Locke's Eſſay on Human Underſtanding was firſt publiſhed in 1689, and although Mr. Baker's Reflections upon Learning, did not come forth till ten Years after: yet the former, however valuable in itſelf, and however highly eſteemed ſince, was at that Time in no Degree of Credit, and we may preſume little read; yea at a Meeting of the Heads of Houſes at Oxford, ſo late as 1703, it was propoſed to cenſure and diſcourage the reading of it[s]. 'Tis not much to be wondered at therefore, Mr. Baker in his Chapter of Logic ſhould paſs it by without Notice.

The Author of his Life in the new Biograph. Britan. ſeems not only to countenance Dr. Jortin's Reflections upon Mr. Baker, but much diſpoſed to lower him in the Opinion of the World, and even taxes him with ſpeaking contemptuouſly and ignorantly of the Copernican Syſtem, in his Chapter of Aſtronomy: without attending to the great Improvements made in Mathematics, Natural Philoſophy, and in that very Science, by the

[q] This learned Man was concerned with Bp. Walton, in the Publication of the Polyglot Bible, and Lexicon Heptaglotton. He had been Fellow of King's College, and became Rector of Higham Gobion in Bedfordſhire, where he died in 1674, and was buried in the Church.

[r] Append. Tho. de Elmham Vita et Geſta Henrici, V. 1727.

[s] See Locke's Works, Vol. IV, 4to. 1777. A Letter to Collins p. 618.

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the Diſcoveries of Sir Iſaac Newton and others, ſince that Period.

P. 33. Bp. Burnet ſays in the Preface, to the III Vol. of the Hiſtory of the Reformation, "In ſeveral Particulars I do not perfectly agree with theſe Corrections, but I ſet them down as they were ſent to me, without any Remarks on them, and I give my hearty Thanks in the fulleſt Manner I can, to him who was firſt at the Pains to make this Collection, and then had the Goodneſs to communicate it to me, in ſo obliging a Manner: for he gave me a much greater Power over theſe Papers than I have thought fit to aſſume." And that Mr. Baker was the Perſon alluded to is certain from his own Entry in this Volume, "Ex dono doctiſſimi Authoris ac celeberrimi Præſulis Gilberti Epiſcopi Sarisburienſis, adding I ſhall always have an Honour for the Author's Memory, who entered all the Corrections I had made, at the end of this Volume." If any more are found, they were not ſent, for he ſuppreſſed nothing. An Inſtance much to the Credit of both, who were Perſons of ſuch different Principles.

Dr. Hatcher's is no more than a Catalogue of Perſons educated in King's College, with ſome ſhort Notes upon them, and does not extend to the Univerſity, as intimated in the Britiſh Topo-

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graphy 1ſt Ed. p. 102. in Note D. The Account there given of Baker's MS. Collections is very ſuperficial, and yet much too long and tedious for a Note, in a Work of that kind.

I never met with the leaſt Hint of Mr. Prior's giving him the Profits of his Fellowſhip, but in the Biograph. Britan. p. 520, and therefore cannot imagine Dr. Goddard could be well informed in that Matter: or that there was more Truth in it, than in that of Ld. Oxford's Annuity above noticed. p. 71.

P. 56. Wm. Wake, ABp. of Cant.
ob. 24 Jan. 1736, Ætat 79.

This Inſcription is upon his Ring, which I preſerve in Memory of him. T. B.

P. 62. In Bp. Kenet's Regiſter, is the following Entry;

Donum
Doctiſſimi Authoris
brevi poſt extincti
Dec. 19, 1728, mihi quidem flebilis occidit.

P. 66. And in that of Mr. Anſtis Regiſter of the noble Order of the Garter.

Donum ornatiſſimi viri Joannis
Anſtis Armigeri Fecialis Primarii,
Vulgo, Garter Principalis Regis
Armorum ſive Inſignium.

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APPENDIX.

No. I. p. 40.

THE following Soliloquy is here introduced, as a Specimen of Mr. Baker's Piety, not of his Poetical abilities.

Upon myſelf, and to my God.

My God, and what am I? — A Thing of nought.
Hid from myſelf, and yet compos'd of Thought.
How vain theſe thoughts? how oft without Effect?
And yet I pleaſe myſelf, that I reflect.
Proud of a Phantom, that can only ſhow,
That I more ſurely think, than ſurely know;
Ruffled with Paſſions, with Affections blind,
Involved in Clouds, nor Reſt, nor Light I find,
Till he that breath'd the Spark, does reinſpire my Mind.

Thou

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Thou that breath'ſt Life into the unthinking Clod,
Be thou my Light, as thou haſt been my God.
Thou took'ſt me from the Womb, — ſince, me upheld,
Be thou my Strength, as thou haſt been my Shield,
As ſurely ſo thou art, — from Deaths, from Tears
Thou oft preſerv'dſt me, — oft renew'dſt my Years,
Diſpell'd my Sorrows, baniſh'd all my Fears.
To Dangers oft expos'd, thy Help implor'd,
By Follies loſt, — as oft I've been reſtor'd.

When Duty call'd me forth to riſque my all,
Juſt was my Lot, but eaſy was my Fall;
The Griefs and Suff'rings, that mean Souls annoy,
Thou mak'ſt them light to me, and turn'ſt to joy,
So light, that if in ought I bear thy Croſs,
It grieves me, that nought I merit by the Loſs.
My Sins more juſtly ſcourges might demand,
Should Juſtice ſtrike, as Mercy holds the Hand;
In that my Refuge, there I place my Reſt,
Nor hurt by Frowns, in Spite of Fortune bleſt.
For all theſe Mercies, juſt Returns from me
Are due, — and yet my beſt Returns, I owe to thee;

My

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My Pray'rs, my Vows, and all that should be mine,
E'en these are due to thee, and truly thine.

Oh were I thine myself! The Offering made,
Were it as worthy thee, as freely paid;
But Worth, (forbid the Word) my Sins forbid;
Pardon's my Plea, and Sins by Mercy hid.
Fixt here, I stand, in hopes of Crimes forgiv'n;
I trample Earth and antidate my Heav'n;
In brighter Mansions may I have my Share,
And follow Thoughts, that are already there,
But low therein, — for lowly is my Pray'r.

July 7th, Die meo natali.

No. II. p. 44.

Of Hartman Schedel's Chronicon Chronicorum printed at Nuremberg, by Ant. Koberger, An. 1493. We have four Copies (or more) at Cambridge, two in the publick Library, one at St. John's, the fourth and most beautiful at Trinity College, with the Faces, Maps and other Figures fairly depicted in Colours. In this last Folio CLXXXIII, are the Pictures of the Emperor, seven Electors, Princes and Counts of the Empire, with their Arms fairly depicted, and this Note in MS. "Haec Scuta recte pinguntur in suis Coloribus juxta Judicium

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dicium Heraldi." The reſt have the Arms but not in Colors.

At Folio CCLXI, [which is a blank in the ordinary Copies] is a Picture of Antichriſt very monſtrous, with ſeven Heads [ſerpentine] and almoſt as many Colors, and upon the Pedeſtal this Inſcription in MS. "Hæc depinxit Jacobus Jaqueri de Civitate Taurini in pede Montium An. Domini milleſimo quatercenteſimo primo, [in the ordinary Copies, and in this, there is a Print of Antichriſt [not ſo monſtrous] at Folio CCLXII.] on the oppoſite Page theſe rhyming Verſes, and following Note in Engliſh.

Judicabit Judices Judex generalis,
Hic mihi proderit dignitas papalis,
Sive ſit Epiſcopus ſive Cardinalis,
Reus condemnabitur, nec dicetur qualis.
Hic nihil proderit quicquam allegare,
Neque excipere neque replicare,
Nec ad Apoſtolicam Sedem appellare,
Reus condemnabitur nec dicetur quare.
Cogitate miſeri qui vel quales eſtis,
quid in hoc Judicio dicere poteſtis,
Idem erit Dominus, Judex, Actor, Teſtis.

This Picture was ſet in the Temple of the Jacobins at Jenoua, in An. 1401, a ſhowe of Antechriſte, and from thens, abrode into the Worlde,

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Worlde, that the Abomination of the Wicked maye be perceived. B.S.M.

Stephen Batman's Name is upon the Book (in fronte libri) [I am apt to think the Verſes on Judgment are his; he has wrote, The Doome, warning all Men to the Judgement, &c.]

In all the Copies that I have ſeen, Trin. Coll. St. John's Coll. and one of the Bp. of Ely's (the other I have not ſeen) at Folio CCXIX. is the Printor Picture of Pope Joan, with a triple Crown and a Child in her Arms, inſtead of a Croſs borne by the reſt of the Popes, with her Story: both fair and undefaced, neither of them obliterated, as they are in moſt, or many Copies, as Mr. Hearne informs me.

At Folio CCLII, there is a good Authority for the Invention of Printing at Mentz, &c. There is another Copy of this Book at Chriſt College, &c. Since another Copy (penes me) with Pope Joan's Picture undefaced, only the Face of the Mother and Child a little ſcratched, the reſt of the Book very fair and perfect.

No. III. p. 48.

M. S.

JOHANNIS SMITH, S.T.P.
Lowtheriæ in Agro Weſtmarienſi nati:
Qui Juvenis,

in

in hoc celeberrimum Collegium cooptatus est; ubi bonis moribus informatus, et ingenuis Artibus eruditus, ejusdem Collegii decus totiusque Ecclesiæ ornamentum evasit.

Quem
mira Facilitas morum et Elegantia, Comitati adjuncta semper Gravitas, Animi Candor et modestia Ornatum;
Ingenii Fæcunditas, acumen Judicii, Memoriæ Vigor, in re literariâ promovendâ Fatalis industria, Doctum;
In adversis rebus animi magnitudo, in secundis Continentia, in Deum deniq. suosq. singularis Pietas Optimum fuisse demonstrârunt.

Ob hæc merita, quibus Hon^tissim^. et Revdi. admodum Episcopi gratiam sibi conciliavit, in numerum Canonicorum Dunelmensium prius adscitus, dein in Ecclesiam Weremuthæ Epi Parochialem promotus est.

Hisce Sacerdotiis honestis auctus, ea non minus dignè, quàm ipsa illum exornavit.

Antiquæ Ecclesiæ Jura et Privilegia nemo fortiùs defendit. Eloquentiam cum Theologiâ, omnesq. bonas Artes cum sacris literis adeo conjunxit; ut Orator copiosus, Philologus eximius, Theologus absolutus meritò audiret.

In Historicis, Anglicis præsertim, evolvendis fuit maximè assiduus; advertensq. animum, quod pulchra Venerabilis Bædæ Operum Historicorum desideraretur Editio, id laboris à nullo potius, quàm a Canonico Dunelm. Bædæ

Sct.

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Sc. Compresbytero et Populari, subeundum duxit: Huic igitur muneri se accinxit; sed, proh dolor! dum non vulgari Studio prælo insudaret; morte in medio opere immaturâ præreptus est: Et intra sacram hujus Collegii ædem, cujus in Gremio se nutritum non sine piâ voluptate sæpius jactavit, humatus est.

Natus, Anno Dni. 1659.
Obiit 30 Julii, 1715.

No. IV. p. 60.

Taken from Mr. Baker's MSS. Vol. XXXIX, p. 185, but somewhat abridged.

An Account of Dr. Peter Baro (alias Baron) and his Family, found in the Study of Mr. Andrew Baron, late Fellow of Peterhouse, his great Grandson.

Estienne Baron, espousa en Marriage Philipe Petit, eurent plusieurs Enfans Fils et Filles, entre autres Jehan, Florent, et Pierre.

Pierre natif d' Estampes fut mis aux Estudes, et apres avoir estudiè en Droict Civil quelques Annees, fut passè l'an. 1556, le 9e d' April, Bachelier en Droict a Bourges, and le jour suivant receu Licentier en loix estant agè de 22 a 23 ans. ——— L'an 1557, fut receu et juré Advocat en la Court de Parlement de Paris. Depuis estant agè de 26 ans, l'an et mois que Francois deuxiesme Roy de France morut a Orleans, c'est a dire,

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a dire, l'an 1560, en Decembre, ſe retira a Genevè, et la, s'eſtant adonnè a l'eſtude de Theologie, fut faict Miniſtre, et receut l'impoſition des Mains par Jean Calvin.

Apres retournament en France eſpouſa à Gien l'an 1563, entre le 19 de May et le 7 de Juin en ſuivant Guillemette Burgoin fille d'Eſtienne Bourgoin Merchant, et de Lopſe Dozival. ——— De Pierre Barron et Guillemette Burgoin ſa Femme naquit a Orleans premierement une Fille le premier jour de Juin, 1564. Qui fut nommeè Marthe, par Eſtienne Baron ſon Aieul.

Depuis un fils auſſi a Orleans le 15 Janvier, 1566, qui fut nommè Pierre, par Jehan Pinſelet. —— L'an 1567, le quatrieſme jour de Novembre encores un fils a Orleans, qui fut nommè Eſtienne par Francoys Burgoin ſon Oncle.

Le Dimanche 10 jour d' Octobre, 1568, naquit encores un fils a Sancerre, lequel fut nommè Eſtiennè, qui mourut le jour ſuivant, par ſon Aieul maternel Eſtienne Bourgoin.

Le Vendredi 26 de May, a Sancerre naquit une autre fille laquelle fut nommeè Marie par ſon Oncle maternel Anthoine Burgoin.

Depuis le ſuſdict Pierre Baron s'eſtant retirè avec ſa Femme Guillemette Burgoin et ſes Enfans a Cambridge, l'une des deux Univerſites d'Angleterre, a cauſe des troubles de la France, fut

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le Profeſſeur des Lettres Hebraiques et en Theologie meſme: fut receu Docteur en Theologie[u].

Au dict Cambridge le huictieſme jour de Juillet 1574, luy naquit ſon quatrieſme fils, qui fut nommè Andrè par B. Dodingthon Profeſſeur du Roy en la Langue Greque et Artus Purifoy.

Au meſme lieu de Cambridge le 24 d' Aouſt, 1577, naquit encores une fille, et 39 heures apres, un autre, leſquelles furent nommeè Elizabeth, la primiere par Gabriel fils de Monſieur Mongomeri et Damoiſelles Boulingham et Norgett, et l' autre Catherine par Monſieur Pillard et Damoiſelle Goad et Dame. —

Thus far ſeems to be in the Hand-writing of the Doctor himſelf; who reſigned his Lectureſhip of Divinity in 1596, after having read Lectures in the Univerſity for twenty four Years with Approbation, for the ſmall Sum of twenty Pounds per Annum, foreſeeing that he could not hold it much longer, on Account of ſome Opinions he held, that were not then deemed Orthodox[x].

There were ſome however who ſtill retained a good Opinion of him, particularly Dr. Jegon, Maſter

[u] Feb. 3, 1575,6 Mr. Petr. Barron, licentiatus in Jure Civili, in Acad. Biturienſi, incorporatus Cantab. Regiſt. Acad.
Conceſſ. 8 June, 1576, Magiſtro Petro Barron; Prælect. Lect. Theol. per dominam Marg. fundat. ad incipiend. in Sac. Theol.

[x] His and Barrett's Caſe may be ſeen at large in a MS. of ABp. Whitgift, in Trin. Coll. and in Strype's Life of Whitgift, p. 464, &c. and from his Letters in Baker's Coll. Vol. XX. p. 543.

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Maſter of Benet College, as appears by an Extract from a Letter of his to the ABp. of Canterbury of the 4th of Dec. 1596. —— "I eaſily perceive by Letters from your Grace your good Opinion and gracious Meaning to that Rev. old Man Mr. Dr. Baron, who hath been here longe Time a painful Teacher of Hebrew and Divinity to myſelf and others. To whome I am (as I have always beene) very willing to ſhowe my thankful Minde; but he hath lately found ſome heavy Friends among us, to the Prejudice of his former Credüit, and his preſent Re-election. But if he returns, and pleaſe to take Pains, in reading Hebrewe Lectures in private Houſes, I doubt not but to his good Credüit, there may be raiſed as great a Stipend. — To the Lecture is choſen Mr. Dr. Playfere."[y]

He did not however accept this Propoſal, ſince we are aſſured by the Extract of a Letter from his Grandſon Sam. Baron, M.D. dated 3 April, 1671. — "That ſoon after one was elected into the Profeſſor's Place which he had held, he retired himſelf to London, and lived and died in a Houſe in Dyer's Yard in Crutched Fryers Street, over againſt St. Olive's Church, in which he was buried."

"He was carried to his Grave by ſix Doctors in Divinity, and one Dr. Symſon, Miniſter of the Church

[y] Baker's Coll. Vol. XXIV. p. 355.

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Church, preached his Funeral Sermon. How long ſince that was, I can give no Account, but that may ſoon be known by ſearching the Regiſter there, neither did he ever go into France after he parted with the Profeſſor's Place." —— Dr. Baron left two Sons, from the eldeſt of which, was deſcended this Samuel Baron, who practiced Phyſick at Lynn Regis in Norfolk, whence the above Letters are dated, and married Frances Goddard, the Daughter of Thomas Goddard of Stanhow, in the ſaid County, Gentleman, Feb. 15, 1630, by whom he had Iſſue thirteen Sons and Daughters. He died on 12 April, 1673, and was buried in the Chancel of All Saints Church in South Lynn, near his Mother, with this Inſcription upon a Marble Stone lying over him,

Hic jacet Samuel Baron, M.D.
Qui poſt hanc vitam, quam bonis
Operibus et vera pietate ornaverat, Cœlo
donatus eſt 12°. die Aprilis, Anno Domini 1673.

Andrew Baron, his fifth Son, was born June 18, 1645, and admitted Penſioner of St. Peter's College on 2d Day of May, 1661. He took the Degree of A.B. in 1664, was elected Fellow in the following Year, and proceeded A.M. in 1667. Mr. Baker in a Letter to Mr. Strype, dated from Cambridge Dec. 22, 1729, thus addreſſes him,

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" Worthy Sir,

" I have again ſent you an Account of Dr. Peter Baro, and his Poſterity. The Marriage of Dr. Sam. Baron, and Birth of his Children, is only abridged, not being much to the Purpoſe, and having ſent it at large in my former Papers, could you meet with them. Moſt of them I believe died young, ſo the Eſtate deſcended to Andrew Baron, in whoſe Study theſe Papers were found at his Death. ——— At the ſame Time I ſent you a large Account of Dr. Perne, who dying before your preſent Period, it is too late to ſay more of him. —— Dr. Grey preſents you with his Service, to promote ſo good a Work, he is willing to undertake the Index[a]. He is as kind and friendly a Man as any one I know.

Yours, &c.

Thomas Baker."

No. V. p. 73.

Carolo
Duci Somerſetenſi,
Strenuo juris Academici Defenſori,
Acerrimo Libertatis Publicæ vindici,
Statuam
Lectiſſimarum Matronarum Munus,
L. M.

[a] To IV. Vol. of the Annals of the Reformation publiſhed in 17—

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L. M. ponendam decrevit,
Academia Cantrabrigienſis,
Quam Præſidio ſuo munivit,
Auxit Munificientia,
Per annos plus Sexaginta,
Cancellarius.

On the reverſe:

Hanc Statuam
Suæ in Parentem pietatis,
In Academiam ſtudii
Monumentum,
Ornatiſſimæ Fœminæ
Franciſca Marchionis de Granby Conjux,
Charlotta Baronis de Guernſey,
S. P. faciendam curaverunt
1756.

No. VI. p. 83.

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Baker, Ejected Fellow of Saint John's College, in Cambridge, do make my laſt Will and Teſtament as follows.

Firſt, I commend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God (my gracious and good God) my faithful Creator, and merciful Redeemer, and in all my Dangers and Difficultys, a moſt conſtant Protector, bleſſed for ever be his Holy Name.

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As to the Temporal Goods, it has pleaſed the ſame good God to beſtow upon me, (ſuch as all Men might be content with, and are I bleſs God, neither Poverty nor Riches) I diſpoſe of them in the following Manner,

Whereas I have made a Deed of Gift (or Sale for one Guinea) of twenty one Volumes in Folio, of my own Handwriting, to the right honourable Edward Earl of Oxford, I confirm and ratify that Gift by this my laſt Will, and I beg his Lordſhip's Acceptance of them, being ſenſible they are of little Uſe or Value, with two other Volumes in Folio, ſince conveyed to him in like Manner.

To my dear Couſin George Baker, Eſq. of Crook; I leave the Life of Cardinal Wolſey, noted with my own Hand; Lord Clarendon's Hiſtory with Cuts and Prints, and Winwood's Memorials, in three Volumes in Folio, with a five Pound (Jacobus) piece of Gold, as a Mark of Reſpect and Affection, ſince he does not Want it.

To my Couſin Ferdinand Baker, my Silver Salver as promiſed.

To my worthy Kinſman and Friend Mr. George Smith, I leave Godwin de Præſulibus Angliæ, Waræus de Præſulibus Hyberniæ, both noted with my own Hand.

To the Rev. and Learned Dr. Newcome, Maſter

ſter of St. John's College, I leave a Ring of a Guinea; with two Tables of the Maſters of St. John's College in Frames, with my Founder's Picture for himſelf or College, and to his excellent Lady a Ring of one Guinea.

To my worthy Friend Dr. Dickins, Regius Profeſſor of Law, I leave the firſt Edition of Linwood's Provincial, in a large Folio, and black Letter, with a Ring of a Guinea, and Dr. Corbet's[b] Picture for himſelf, or the College.

To the worthy Mr. Burrough, Fellow of Caius College, I leave Biſhop Coſins's[c] Picture for the College,

And my worthy Friend Dr. Knight, I leave Archbiſhop Parker's Picture, together with an other Picture (near my Bed) of Doctor Humphrey Tindal, Dean of Ely (as ſuppoſed) and the Date and Year agree exactly.

All my other Pictures and Prints undiſpoſed of, I leave to my worthy Friend Dr. Grey[d], LLD. for the Ornament of his Houſe, with a Ring of a Guinea

[b] Clement Corbet, LL.D. Maſter of Trinity Hall, 1611.

[c] Bp. of Durham, 1660.

[d] Pictures left to Dr. Zach. Grey, by this very worthy Man, were King James I, King Charles I and II, James Duke of York, half length by Sir Peter Lely, Lord Strafford, Hugo de Balham, Bp. of Ely, Mr. Perkins, Dr. Shorton, firſt Maſter of St. John's, and of Pembroke Hall, drawn in his Robes; a hunting of the Wild Boar, by Kecherman; a Picture of Brook, Lord Cobham, of Dudley; Fenner, a noted Republican; an original Picture of old Parr, with ſeveral more.

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a Guinea to him, Dr. Middleton, Dr. Williams; Mrs. Burton of Ellamore: and my dear Niece and Goddaughter, Mrs. Margaret Shepperſon, and the reverend Mr. John Boſwell, Vicar of Taunton, and Prebendary of Wells,

To Saint John's College Library, I leave all ſuch Books printed or MS. as I have, and are wanting there; excepting thoſe I leave in Truſt, to my worthy Friend Dr. Middleton, for the Univerſity Library; Archbiſhop Wake's State of the Church, noted and improved under his own Hand. Biſhop Burnet's Hiſtory of the Reformation, three Volumes, noted in my Hand; and Biſhop Kennet's Regiſter and Chronicle, (for the Memory of which three great Prelates, my honoured Friends, I muſt always have a due Regard:) to theſe I add Mr. Anſtis, my worthy Friend's Hiſtory of the Garter, in two Volumes Folio. Wood's Athenæ Oxonienſes, and Manſel's Catalogue, both noted with my own Hand, and Gunton's and Patrick's Hiſtory of the Church of Peterborough, noted (for Biſhop Kennet) with my Hand, with fifteen Volumes, more or leſs, in Folio, all in my own Hand, and three Volumes in Quarto, Part in my own Hand.

To the Poor of the Pariſh of Lancheſter, where (at Crook) I was born; and to the Poor of the Pariſh of Long Newton, where I was ejected, to each Pariſh I leave ten Pounds: and to the Colle-

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lege Servants of Saint John the Evangeliſt, ten Pounds, amongſt ſuch as ſhall be willing to accept a Share; and out of that I leave five Pounds to my Bedmaker.

As to my Funeral I am not ſolicitous, I deſire nothing but Chriſtian Burial; Chriſt be merciful to me a Sinner.

Laſtly, I conſtitute and appoint my dear Nephew Richard Burton Eſq. my Sole Executor, to whom I leave every Thing undiſpoſed of, which I hope will be enough to defray his Trouble.

May God Almighty bleſs him, and give him all the engaging Qualities of his Father, all the Virtues of his Mother, and none of the Sins, or Failings of his Uncle, which God knows are great, and many; and humbly (O my God) I call for Mercy.

In Teſtimony of this my laſt Will, I have hereunto ſet my Hand and Seal, this fifteenth Day of October, 1739.

Thomas Baker.

Sealed, ſigned, delivered and declared by the aforeſaid Thomas Baker, for his laſt Will and Teſtament, in the Preſence of us,

William Clapham,
Charles Richards.

And now O my God into thy Hand I contentedly

tentedly reſign myſelf, whether it be to Life or Death, thy Will be done.

Long Life I have not deſired, (and yet haſt thou given it me) give me if it be thy good Pleaſure, an eaſy and a happy Death[e]: or if it ſhall pleaſe Thee to viſit me ſeverely (as my Sins have deſerved) give me Patience to bear thy Correction, and let me always ſay, even with my dying Breath, thy Will be done.

Amen, Amen.

No. VII. p. 86.

The following Grace was propoſed Dec. 29, and granted 30th of December, 1740, in the Senate Houſe at Cambridge.

Whereas the reverend Thomas Baker, late of Saint John's College, in this Univerſity, did bequeath by Will, to Dr. Conyers Middleton, the Principal Librarian, in Truſt for the Publick Library, ſeveral Books both printed and MS. of great Value, relating in a great Meaſure to the Hiſtory and Conſtitution of this Univerſity: which Books are now ready to be delivered, for the Purpoſes intended in the ſaid Bequeſt. May it pleaſe you, that the Curators of the Public Library be impowered, to fix the ſaid Books in ſuch Part of the Univerſity Library, and under ſuch Reſtrictions,

[e] This according to Suetonius, was the Wiſh of Auguſtus, "Sibi et Suis, εὐθανασίαν precabatur." Vitæ Cap. 99.

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Reſtrictions, as they or a Majority of them, (whereof the Vicechancellor for the Time being, to be one) ſhall judge moſt convenient, and farther to direct the drawing up ſuch Index, or Indexes, as ſhall be judged wanting to complete the Uſefulneſs, or Benefit of this valuable Legacy; and that it ſhall not be lawful for any Perſon, under any pretence whatever, to borrow any of the ſaid Books, at leaſt till ſuch Time as the ſaid Indexes ſhall be completed: and may it moreover pleaſe you, that this may be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Curators, that they procure a Memorial of the ſaid Mr. Baker and his Benefaction, to be inſerted in the Commemoration Book, among the Benefactors to the Public Library.

No. VIII. p. 90.

The reverend Mr. Baker, was found by his Bedmaker on Saturday the 28th of June, 1740, at five o'Clock in the Afternoon, lying upon his Floor: where he was judged to have fallen two Hours before, by the Circumſtance of a clean Pipe, which laid broken by his Side, and which he generally went to fetch about three o'Clock. His Face was ſo much convulſed, that Part of what he ſaid was with Difficulty underſtood. A great Stupor ſeemed to hang upon his Senſes; and one Side of him appeared to be helpleſs, and dead.

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dead. Sometimes he ſeemed to diſregard what was doing about him, and would talk as if he was a little light-headed; at other Times he would recollect himſelf, and know thoſe, who were with him, recommending himſelf to their Prayers, for an eaſy Death; expreſſing with great Reſignation, that he perceived his Time was come, and thanking his Friends for their good Offices, with his uſual Humanity. In this Way he continued, till a little after ſeven on Wedneſday Evening, when he expired. He either could not ſwallow, or elſe would not conſent to take any, either Food or Medicine; and it was but a very little, of what his Attendants put into his Mouth, which might ſometimes go down his Throat without his regarding it. But in general, whatever was offered him to take, or to be done for him (except putting on a clean Shirt, which he ſeemed to be much pleaſed with, making ſome little Efforts to aſſiſt in putting it on) gave him great Uneaſineſs, as knowing it was diſturbing him to no Purpoſe: which was therefore forborn, as much as could be, without neglecting him. His Death ſeemed to be juſt ſuch an one, as he had often talked of, and deſired; preceded by a very ſhort Sickneſs, and attended with little, or no Pain. It was rendered more fortunate, from the Circumſtance of of his Executor, and near Relation (Mr. Burton) happening to be with him, a Day or two before

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he was taken ill, and of courſe ſtaying to take Care of Mr. Baker, during his ſhort Illneſs, and to ſettle his Affairs.

No. IX. p. 93.

Haud procul hinc jacet, Georgius Baker Miles.
Pater, Avus, Proavus } Geo. Baker, Armig.
Qui poſtquam Multa pro Rege,
pro Patria feciſſet, tuliſſetque,
præcipuè in propugnando fortiter Novo Caſtro
contra Scotos tunc Rebelles,
Hic tandem indigno, et Meritis Suis Diſpari
Fato conceſſit.
Auguſt. Anno M.DC.LXVII.
At non paſſus eſt Deus tantam Virtutem penitus latere.
Obſcure obiit, honorificè tamen Sepultus,
Funus Ejus proſequentibus
Militum Tribuno Totaque Cohorte Militari,
Memorabili Honoris, pietatiſque exemplo.
Tandem cum per Quadraginta plus minus annos neglectus jacuiſſet,
Nepos ejus Thomas Baker, S.T.B.
Non tam Virtutis, quam Adverſæ Fortunæ Hæres,
Avi Chariſſimi Indignæ Sortis Miſertus,
Hoc Ei Monumentum Mœrens lubens poſuit,
Anno 1710.
M.S. a Nepote Defuncti.

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Le Neve's Monument. Angl. N. 319. p. 123.

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No. X. p. 93.

Dr. Grey received the following Account of Mr. Baker's Funeral, from the Rev. Mr. Cole, then reſident in King's College, Cambridge.

Mr. Baker died in St. John's College, July 2, 1740, and was ſolemnly buried in the Anti-Chapel of that College, under the North Wall, about the Head of Dr. Aſhton's Tomb, the whole Society following the Corps in Proceſſion, in their Surplices, from the College Hall, where it had repoſed, and round the firſt Court before they entered the Chapel: where the reverend Dr. Philip Williams, Fellow of the College, and Orator of the Univerſity, chanted the whole Evening Service, the Corps lying in the Choir. After the Service was over, Mr. Clarke, one of the Fellows of the College, from his Stall, made a Funeral Oration in his Favour in Latin. Which being finiſhed, the Corps was removed out of the Choir into the Antichapel, where the Funeral Service was read over him by Dr. Williams. — I was at the Funeral, and ſat in the Choir with one Monſieur Leonard, a Councellor of the Chatelet at Paris, who having not been in England above ten Days, coming to Cambridge to conſult a MS. in the Univerſity Library, and knowing the deceaſed by Fame, was equally deſirous of ſeeing the laſt Funeral

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Funeral Honours due to ſo worthy a Perſon, as well as the Ceremony made uſe of by the Church of England on ſuch Occaſions; the Decency and Order of which he was much pleaſed with.

In a Letter of Dr. Waterland, dated 6 July, 1740, is the following Paſſage.

" We have lately here loſt an excellent Man, who lived and died in that pleaſurable Kind of Toil, entertaining himſelf, and ſerving diſtant Friends, in a literary Way. I am juſt come from hearing a fine Panegyric of him from St. Maries Pulpit. Mr. Baker was the Perſon I mean, as you would have imagined without my naming him. He lived to a great Age: but ſo lived, as to make it neceſſary for thoſe he leaves behind him, to think he died too ſoon."

No. XI. p. 101.

Notes of Mr. Baker, prefixed to Smith's Catalogue of the Cotton Library, Folio 1696.

From Mr. Pory his Letter of the 12th of May, 1631.

" That Sir Robert Cotton (whom he called that unparalleled Antiquary and Stateſman) was dead on Friday Morning laſt, who in the Time of his Sickneſs had ſent for Mr. Oldſworth

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the Divine, who had ſtrictly confeſſed him, reconciled him to Almighty God, abſolved him from his Sinns, and infuſed ſuch Comfort into his Soule, as he would not Want (as Mr. Pory ſaith, Sir Robert himſelf told him) to be the greateſt Monarch in the World. That the Biſhop of Lincoln (Dr. Williams) alſo, attended by the Biſhop of St. David's (Dr. Field) and Dr. Perſe, Miniſter of the Place, having been with him the greateſt Part of the Night before he died, and having abſolved him once more, ſaid at his Departure from him, that he came thither to bring Sir Robert Cotton Comfort, but that he carried away with him more Comfort from him than he brought. That before he died, he had requeſted Sir Henry Spelman, to ſignify to the Lord Privy Seal, and to the reſt of the Lords of the Councell, that their ſo long detaining of his Books from him, without rendering any Reaſon for the ſame, had been the Cauſe of his mortal Maladie. Upon which Meſſage, that the Lord Privy Seal came to Sir Robert, when it was too late, to comfort him from the King, from whome, that the Earle of Dorſet came likewiſe, within half an houre after Sir Robert his Death, to condole with Sir Robert his Sone, for his Death, and tell him from his Majeſty, that as he loved his Father, ſo he would continue his love to him.

That Sir Robert hath entailed, as ſure as Law can

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can make it, his Library of Books (which Mr. Pory ſaith, would appear in his Heart, if it were ript up, as Calice in Queen Marie's) upon his Son Sir Thomas Cotton, and his Poſterity, who after he ſhall have performed his Father's Exequies (whoſe Corps was yeſternight carried towards his antient Manour of Cunnington, in Huntingtonſhire) Mr. Pory ſaith, makes no doubt to obtain the ſame, but that he for his Part, for all theſe Court Holy Waters, ſhall a while ſuſpend his Belief thereof. MS. Puckering, modo Harley.

This Account had been ſent either to Sir Adam Newton, or Sir Thomas Puckering, amongſt whoſe MSS. I found it, and contains ſomewhat of Hiſtory, not known to the worthy Publiſher of Sir Robert's Life. From Vol. XVI, of his MSS. p. 473,4.

Of Sir Robert's Impriſonment, or Reſtraint, and Enlargement. See Uſher, Letter 147. — Sir Robert Cotton's Books are threatened to be taken away, becauſe he is accuſed to impart antient Precedents to the Lower Houſe. See Mede's Letter to Sir Martin Stuteville, dated April 28, 1626.

He died at his Houſe in Weſtminſter, the ſixth Day of May, about ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, Anno 1631, being aged threeſcore Years, three Months and ſome few odde Days, as Weever informs

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informs us in his Epiſtle to the Reader, prefixed to his Funeral Monuments, where may be ſeen a Funeral Elegy upon his Death.

Epicedium Rob. Cottoni, ad calcem Epiſt. Thomæ Mori ad, Acad. Oxon. editæ. a Rich. Jamaſio, An. 1633, 4to. Item de Puteo Sti Edwardi, in Ædibus Cottonianis ſub ejus Obitum exareſcente. Ibid.

There is a very particular Account of the Books burnt and damaged by the Fire in 1731, but as that is printed in Caſley's Catalogue, it will not be neceſſary to repeat it here; and it would be too tedious to inſert, many other Particulars of the Cotton Family, there to be found.

I ſhall give a Place however to one Note on the third Book in the Catalogue, "Andreas quidam Tholoſates, Præceptor Arthuri Principis, cœcus Adulator, nec Adulator tantum, ſed et Delator peſſimus. Vide Oroſii Epiſt. p. 1263, &c.

This Author was Poet Laureat, and Hiſtoriographer to Hen. VII. and (though blind) was intruſted with the Inſtruction of Prince Arthur, the King's Son. See more of him in Speed's Life of that King.

The Abridgement of the Records, paſſing under the Name of Sir Robert Cotton, was not his, but made by Mr. Bowyer, Keeper of the Records, temp Eliz. See Tyrrell's Introduction to Vol. III, of his Hiſtory of England.

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To a Book intitled, "The Court and Kitchen of Elizabeth (commonly called Joan) Cromwell, Wife of the late Uſurper, truly deſcribed and repreſented, &c. London 1664, 12mo." were prefixed the following Memorandums. —— Several creditable Perſons of this City (Leige) aſſured me, that Richard Cromwell, Son to the Uſurper, died here ſeven or eight Years before my being in the Place; where he lived unknown, and well ſupplied with Money. That after his Death, he was diſcovered by his Papers[f]. — This however could no farther be done, than that he might privately leave Leige about that Time, and ſo imagined to be dead, ſince it is well known he lived many Years after that Time, at Cheſhunt in Hertfordſhire, under the Name of Clarke, where he died July 13, 1712, at the Age of 86 Years[g].

The Inſcription on the Coffin of Lady Elizabeth Claypole, buried in Henry the VIIth's Chapel, Weſtminſter Abbey.

Depoſitum
Illuſtriſſimæ Dominæ D. Elizabethæ
nuper Uxoris honoratiſſimi Domini Dni.
Johannis Claypoole Magiſtri Equitis,
necnon Filiæ ſecundæ Sereniſſimi

et

[f] See Veryard's Travels, Folio 1701.

[g] See the Annals of Queen Anne, Vol. XI. p. 383, and the London Magazine for 1774, p. 133.

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et celsissimi Principis Oliveri Dei
Gratia, Angliæ, Scotiæ, et Hiberniæ, &c.
Protectoris.
Obiit
apud Ædes Hamptonienses sexto die
Augusti, anno Ætatis vicessimo octavo
annoque Domini, 1658.

The following Remarks are entered by Mr. B— in Robert Stephens's Latin Bible, in Octavo, 1555.

Chevillier, though he writes the History of Printing, and was very curious in marking Editions, yet had not met with any Edition of the Bible with Distinction of Verses before 1557, whereas this Edition is two Years sooner, and probably the first that ever was printed in that Manner: but the New Testament was thus printed two Years sooner[h]. And though Robert Stephens was then at Geneva, and looked upon as an Heretick, yet this his Distinction has been since followed by Roman Catholicks, and by Popes themselves, viz. Sixtus V, and Clement VIII, in their Editions of the Bible, so that R. S. may be said to have been a Guide to the Popes.

The New Testament in English, was printed by Conrad Badius, An. 1557, x January, in a very beautiful Letter, with Distinction of Verses [penes

[h] Voyez L' Origine de L' Imprimerie par Chevillier, p. 143.

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[penes me] and is the firſt New Teſtament that was ever printed in Engliſh in that Manner. It is a very ſcarce and curious Book, I never ſaw another perfect Copy, nor had Mr. Lewis met with it.

No. XII. p. 18.

As the following Heads, taken from whole length Figures on Glaſs in a praying Poſture[i], by Friends well ſkilled in Drawing, bearing ſo near a Relation to Lady Margaret abovementioned, and being in themſelves ſo curious, as well as perhaps the moſt conſiderable Remains of ſuch eminent Perſons, are thought by them, whoſe Judgment may be relied on, worthy of Preſervation, they ſhall in compliance with their Requeſt, willingly have a Place here.

The firſt, I believe, I may ſafely venture to affirm, is JOHN BEAUFORT, Son of John Earl of Somerſet (by Margaret Daughter of Thomas Holland Earl of Kent[k]) the eldeſt Son of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaſter, by Catharine Swinford. He ſucceeded his elder Brother Henry, who died young, in the Title of Somerſet, 6 Henry

[i] They are now in the Poſſeſſion of the Editor, from an Oratory erected to the Memory of Lady Margaret, her Family and Friends.

[k] This Lady afterwards married Thomas Duke of Clarence, ſecond Son of Henry IV, whom ſhe ſurvived, and dying on 31 Dec. 1440, lies entombed between her two Huſbands in the Cathedral of Canterbury. Sandford's Geneal. Hiſt. p. 310, 11, 24, where the Tomb is engraved,

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Henry V, and was much employed by that King, who made him a Knight of the Garter, in the Wars of France; where he was taken Priſoner, when the Duke of Clarence loſt his Life, in an Engagement with the French and Scots near Beaufort. After a long Confinement, he at length obtained his Releaſe, and in the 15th of Henry VI, he, accompanied by divers Nobles had a Commiſſion to lay Siege to Harfleur, which after a ſtout Reſiſtance yielded to him. In reward of which, and many other Services in theſe Wars, he was created Duke of Somerſet and Earl of Kendale (21 Henry VI) and had ſome conſiderable Appointments in the Government of France: but dying the Year following, had a very ſhort Enjoyment of theſe Honours.

The ſecond is MARGARET his Wife[1], the Relict of Sir Oliver St. John, Knt. and Daughter of Sir John Beauchamp, of Bletſo, Knt. (afterwards Lord Beauchamp, of Powick, and Lord Treaſurer of England,) as well as Siſter and Heireſs, to John Beauchamp, by whom he had one Daughter and Heireſs MARGARET; who married firſt to Edmund de Hadham, Earl of Richmond, the Son of Owen Tudor, by Catherine, the Widow of Henry V, by whom ſhe became Mother to Henry

[1] She ſurvived him, and married Lionel Lord Wells, by whom ſhe had Iſſue, John Viſc. Wells, who married Cecilia ſecond Daughter of Edward IV. ib. p. 327.

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Henry VII[l]. After the Death of the Earl of Richmond[m], ſhe married Sir Henry Stafford, a younger Son of Humphrey Duke of Buckingham, and after his Death, Thomas Lord Stanley, who was created Earl of Derby, and highly careſſed by her Son, whom he had ſerved in the Battle of Boſworth. The Time of the Death of the Dutcheſs of Somerſet is not mentioned, ſhe is interred, however, with her ſecond Huſband in Winburn Minſter, where a Monument of elegant Workmanſhip, with beautiful Figures of Alabaſter, holding hand in hand, was erected to their Memory, by their Daughter the Counteſs of Richmond[n], (who founded there a Grammar School, and a Chantry to pray for their Souls, according to the Cuſtom of thoſe Times. She likewiſe ordered them to be prayed for amongſt the reſt of her Royal and noble Relations, next to her Huſband the Earl of Richmond, in her collegiate Foundations at Cambridge. It is however ſomewhat ſingular, that no Notice is there taken of her third Huſband the Earl of Derby, who had provided

[l] On St. Anne's Day, 26 Jul. ſhe being not yet fourteen Years of Age.

[m] He was buried in the Chancel of the Church of St. David's, with this Inſcription upon his Monument. — Under this Marble Stone here incloſed, reſt the Bones of that noble Lord Edmund Earl of Richmond, Father and Brother to Kings; who departed out of this World, in the Year 1456, the firſt Day of November. On whoſe Soule Almighty Jeſu have Mercy. Willis's Survey, p. 10, 11, 70.

[n] This is delineated in Sandford, p. 321, but ſaid to be very ill done.

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vided a Tomb for himſelf and both his Wives, in the Priory of Burſcough, where they were ordered to be prayed for; nor of her other Huſband, Sir Henry Stafford.

She was born at Bletſoe, in Bedfordſhire, where ſome of her curious Needlework remained in the Time of her great Grandſon James I, which was conſtantly called for by him, when paſſing through in his Progreſs[o]. She was univerſally eſteemed for her Piety, Devotion and good Works, amongſt which are her two Colleges at Cambridge, St. John's and Chriſt, her Profeſſors and Preachers there, with thoſe at Oxford, and various other Monuments of her Charity and Munificence, elſwhere. She had I preſume been a Benefactreſs to the Church of Durham[p], where ſhe was admitted to a Share of their Prayers whilſt living, as well as entitled to the Benefit of them after her Deceaſe, as will appear by the following curious Inſtrument for that Purpoſe. She died III Kalends. Jul. 1509, and an elegant Monument was erected to her Memory in Weſtminſter Abbey[q], to which ſhe had been a conſiderable Benefactreſs, and near which ſhe

[o] Thoreſby Vicar. Leodenſis. p. 175.

[p] Beſides here and at Winburne, ſhe was admitted into the Fraternity of other Religious Houſes, viz. Weſtminſter, the Charter Houſe at London, Thorney, Depyng and Crowland.

[q] Engraved in Sandford, p. 330, and likewiſe prefixed to her Funeral Sermon by Bp. Fiſher, with the Inſcription upon it drawn up by Eraſmus, for which he received 20s.

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ſhe founded an Alms-Houſe for poor Women.

Literæ Sororitatis, conceſſæ Margaretæ Henrici VII, Regis Angliæ Matri.

Omni Nobilitate et Gratiâ Præditiſſimæ Dominæ Dnæ. Margaretæ, Dei Gratia, Noſtri Regis Sereniſſimi Henrici Septimi Matri prædigniſſimæ, Sui Humiles, et Speciales Oratores devoti, Thomas permiſſione Divina, Prior Eccleſiæ Cathedralis Dunelm, et Ejuſdem Loci Conventualis Cætus omnino dant Reverentiales Honores, et per Orationum Suffragia Gaudia conſequi feliciter æterna. Gratioſiſſimæ, Affectuoſiſſimæque Veſtræ Devotionis integritas præexcelſa erga Glorioſum Confeſſorem S. Cuthbertum, Noſtrum Patronum ejuſdemque Dunelmenſe Monaſterium hactenus per Longa temporum Curricula Evidentiſſime præexperta; nec ut pie credimus, huc uſque interciſa, ſed potius Studiis continuata benevolis per Votiva et Felicia Meritorum incrementa, nos merito excitat, et inducit, ut juxta Piiſſimum veſtræ Devotionis affectum, Gratiſſimam quam poſſumus Spiritualis Viciſſitudinis recompenſationem rependere Studeamus. Quocirca veſtram Inſigniſſimam et Honorabiliſſimam, ſi placeat, Perſonam, in Spiritualem Sororem Noſtri Dunelmenſis Capituli admittimus per Præſentes; ac quantum in Nobis eſt, et Divinis credimus convenire Beneplacitis, omnium Miſſarum, Jejuniorum,

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juniorum, Orationum, Prædicationum, et Divinorum Officiorum, cæterorumque Pietatis operum, quæ per Nos et Succeſſores Noſtros tam in præfecto Monaſterio noſtro, quam in cunctis Cellis ad idem Spectantibus impræſentiarum, ſimiliter aut in futurum fient; realem et integram concedimus Participationem in perpetuum. Et ex ſuperabundante, et ſingulari Caritatis Affectu, quem ad Vos non immerito nunc gerimus, promittimus et pollicemur, quod cum ab hoc Solo, nequam per inevitabilis Mortis debitum, Divina Vos vocaverit Providentia, et hoc certitudinaliter Nobis fuerit intimatum, pro vobis in Quotidianâ Capitulari Miſſâ ad Maximum Altare celebrandâ, Veſtram Specialem, et Nominatam Memoriam faciemus, ac pro Vobis, ſicut pro Noſtri Ordinis Fratribus Defunctis, Conſueta Orationum Suffragia Perpetuis Temporibus perſolvemus. In Cujus Rei Teſtimonium Sigillum Noſtrum Commune Præſentibus eſt Appenſum. Datæ in Domo Noſtrâ Capitulari. — Die Menſis —— Anno 1502.

Fundatrici Vota, T.B.

Accipe Fundatrix grati pia vota Nepotis,
Æqua tuis meritis ſors inimica negat.
O ſi! quas cupio, vires mihi Fata dederunt,
Clarior Elogiis Fœmina nulla foret.
At tua Progenies vivet, naſcentur Alumni,
Hi tibi plaudentes, Carmina digna ferent.

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84. l. 22. *for* 1741, *read* 1740.
107. l. 11. *for* ſharer, *read* ſhare.
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[c] See Maſters' Hiſt. of C. C. C. C. p. 386.

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[d] He changed his Religion in Queen *Mary's* Reign. See Wood's Athen. Oxon. V. I. p. 175.

[e] He was Chancellor of the Univerſity of *Cambridge* from 1688 to 1748.

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[g] See *Naſmith's* Catal. CXVIII. p. 171.

[h] He had been Fellow of *Clare Hall* and was *Lucaſian* Profeſſor of Mathematics, when expelled for reviving the *Arrian* Herely.

[i] See in Vol. XXXIII. an Order confirming this in 1712. but this has been ſince ſuperſeded.

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[w] Printed in Peck's Deſiderata Curioſa. V. II. Lib. VII. N. XV. p. 25, &c.

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[g] The ſame wherein he now lives, in the Parish of St. Benedict. See Vol. V. N. III. above.

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[1] He was Fellow of King's Hall, and Vicechancellor in 1549.

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[l] Printed from hence at length, ib. Book II. App. N. LXIII. p. 248.

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[r] See above, Vol. II. p. 200.

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